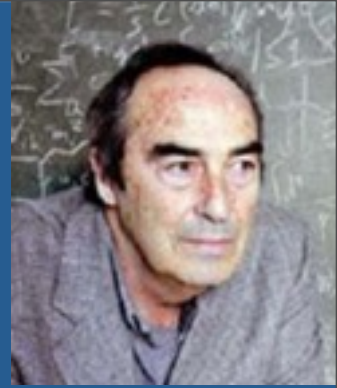


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May 4, 2011



Neutrino oscillations

Discovery, status and future directions

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ICRR, Univ. of Tokyo

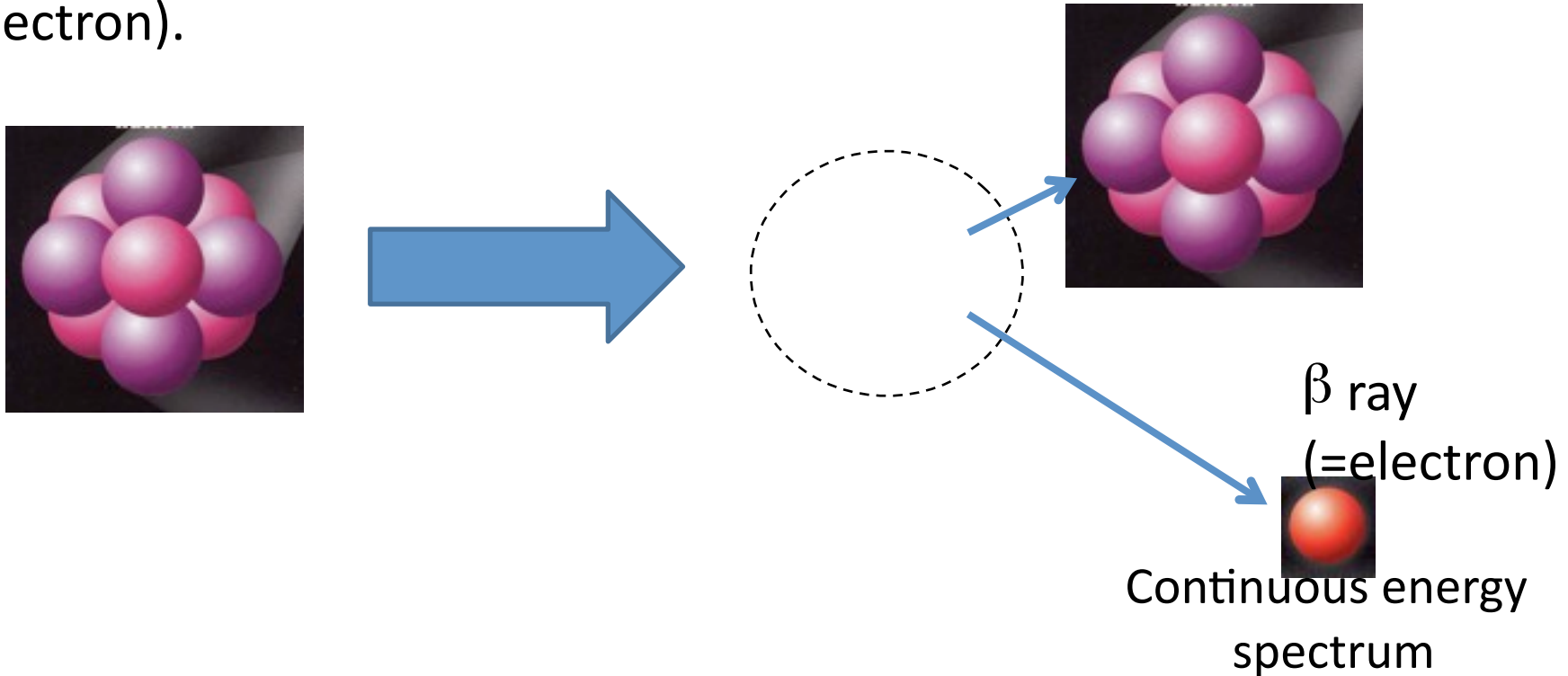
outline

- Introduction
- Neutrino masses and neutrino oscillations
- Discovery of neutrino oscillations: Part I
- Discovery of neutrino oscillations: Part II
- Future prospects
- Summary

Introduction

Mystery of β decay

In early 20th century, people observed that a certain kind of nucleus spontaneously change to a different nucleus by emitting β ray (electron).



This phenomena had serious mysteries, since it apparently did not to conserve energy, momentum and spin.

Introduction of neutrino



W. Pauli

Abschrift/15.12.36 PW
Offener Brief an die Gruppe der Radioaktiven bei der
Gauvereins-Tagung zu Tübingen.

Abschrift

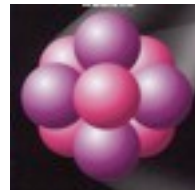
Physikalisches Institut
der Eidg. Technischen Hochschule
Zürich

Zürich, 4. Dec. 1930
Oliverstrasse

Liebe Radioaktive Damen und Herren,

Wie der Ueberbringer dieser Zeilen, den ich halbvollst
anzuhören bitte, Ihnen den näheren auseinanderzusetzen wird, bin ich
angesichts der "falschen" Statistik der β - und β -6 Kerne, sowie
des kontinuierlichen β -Spektrums auf einen verweifelten Ausweg
verfallen um den "Wechselwitz" (1) der Statistik und den Energiesatz
zu retten. Nämlich die Möglichkeit, es könnten elektrisch neutrale
Teilchen, die ich Neutronen nennen will, in den Kernen existieren,
welche den Spin $1/2$ haben und das Ausschliessungsprinzip befolgen und
sich von Lichtquanten ausserdem noch dadurch unterscheiden, dass sie
nicht mit Lichtgeschwindigkeit laufen. Die Masse der Neutronen
müsste von derselben Grössenordnung wie die Elektronenmasse sein und
jedenfalls nicht grösser als $0,01$ Protonenmasse. Das kontinuierliche
 β -Spektrum wäre dann verständlich unter der Annahme, dass beim
 β -Zerfall mit dem Elektron jeweils noch ein Neutron emittiert
wird, derart, dass die Summe der Energien von Neutron und Elektron
konstant ist.

W. Pauli, in his letter to "Radioactive Ladies and Gentleman" at Tübingen, in Dec. 1930, pointed out that there could exist neutral particles which have spin $1/2$ (neutrino).



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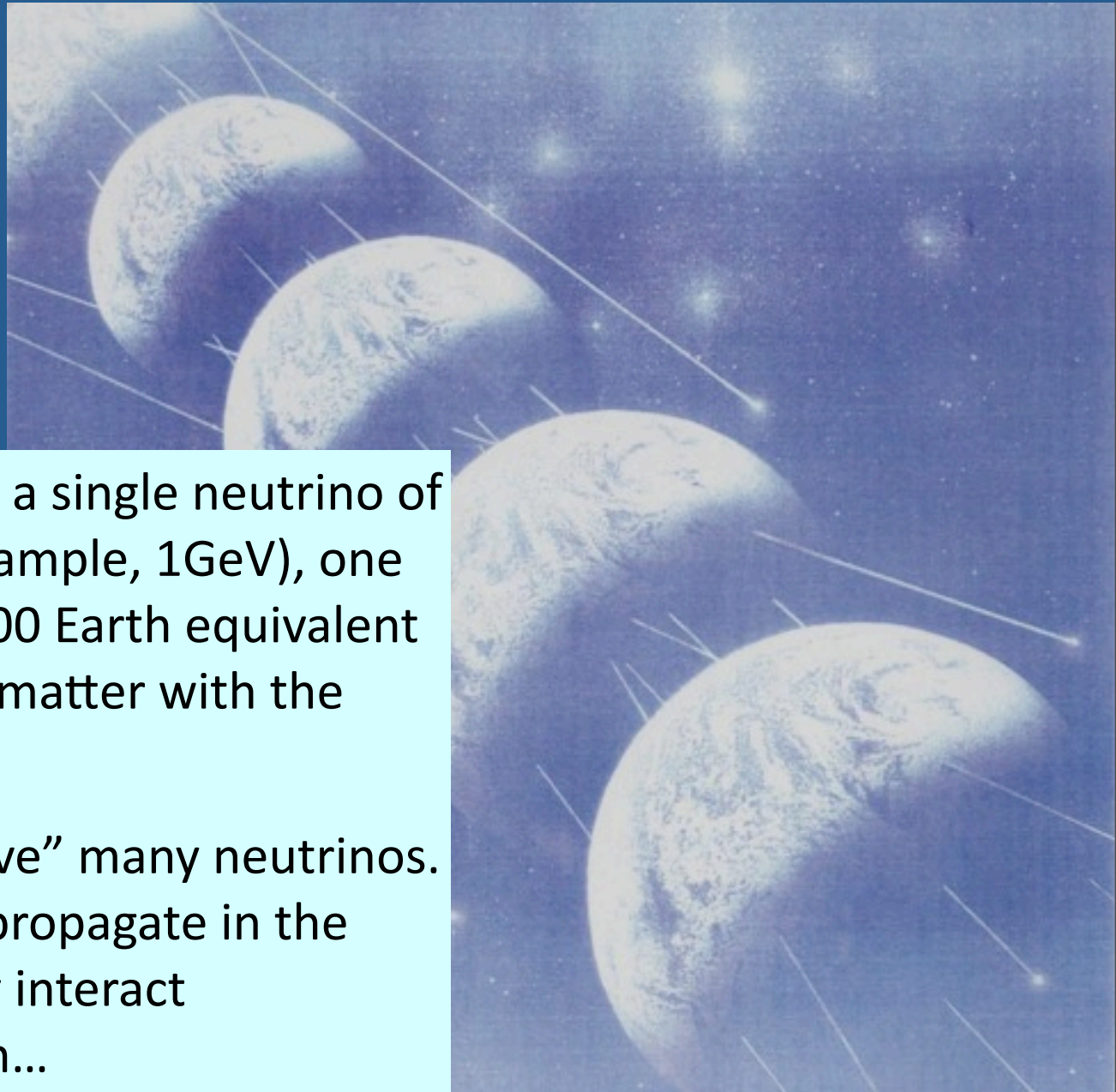
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electron

neutrino

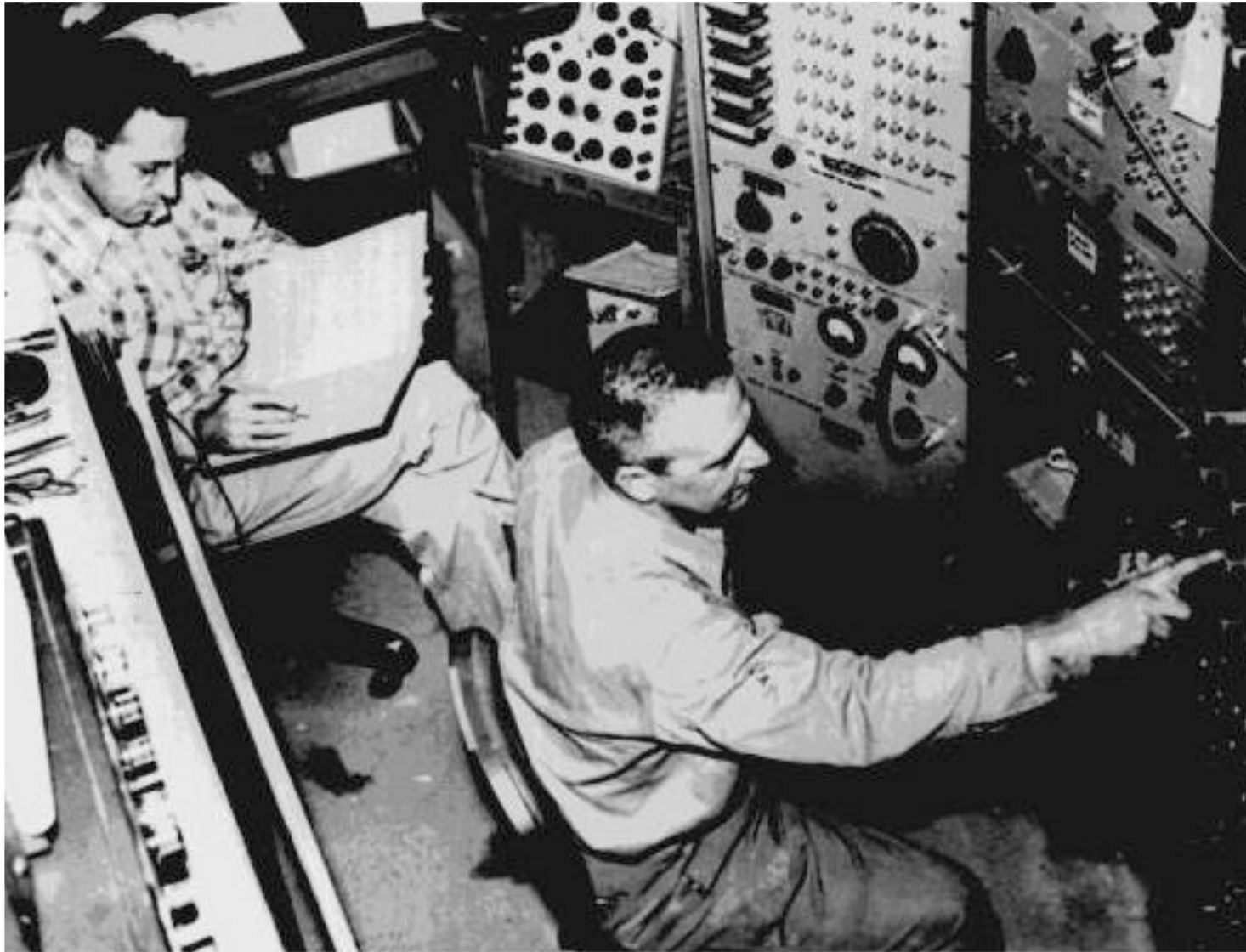
Neutrinos are difficult to observe



If one wants to observe a single neutrino of a certain energy (for example, 1GeV), one typically needs 1,000,000 Earth equivalent matter (i.e., 10^{10} km of matter with the typical earth density).

➔ One has to “observe” many neutrinos. If 1,000,000 neutrinos propagate in the Earth, one of them may interact somewhere in the Earth...

Discovery of electron-(anti-)neutrino (1950's)

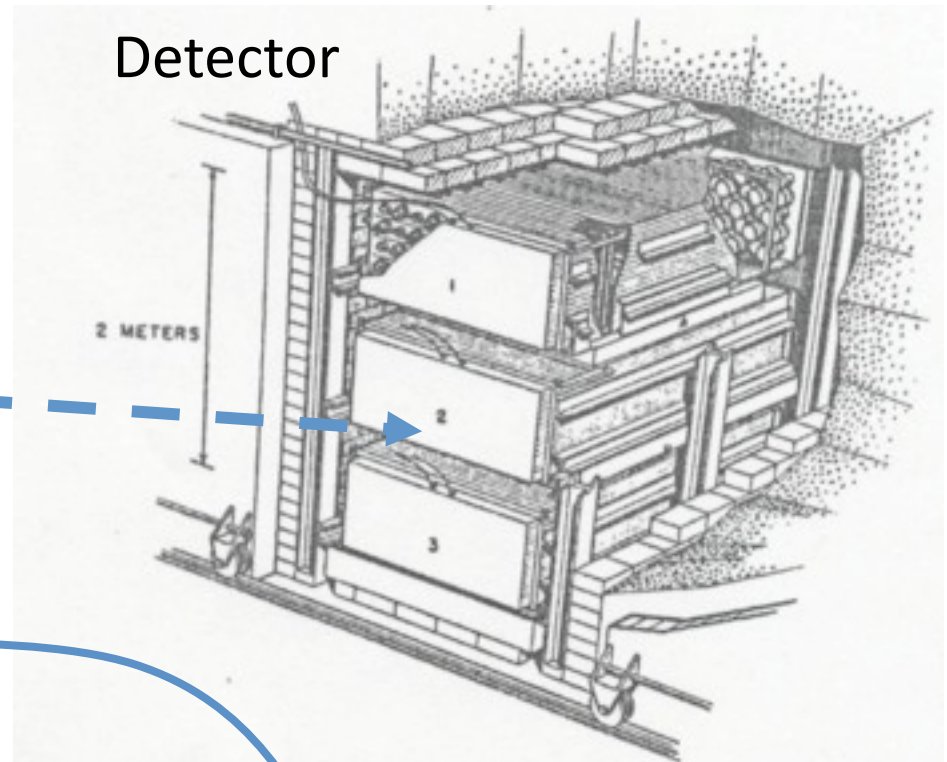


F. Reines (right, Nobel Prize, 1995) and C. Cowan Jr.

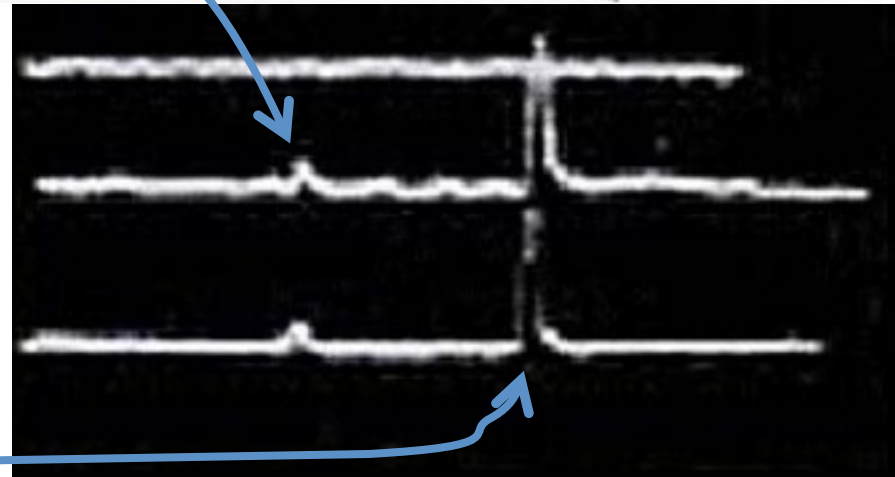
Discovery of electron-(anti-)neutrino (1950')



Savanna River reactor



followed by neutron capture
by Gd, which results in gamma
ray emission.

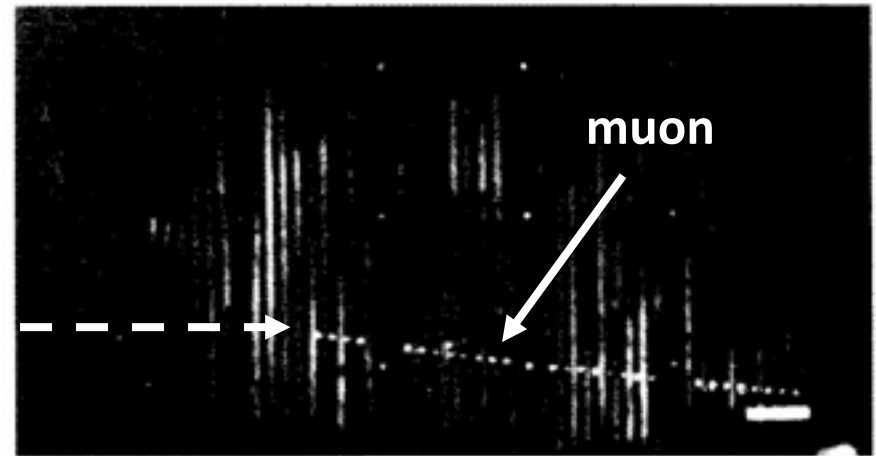
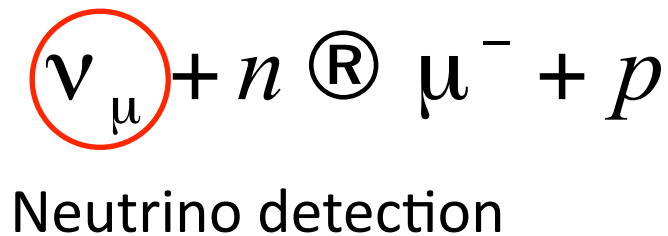
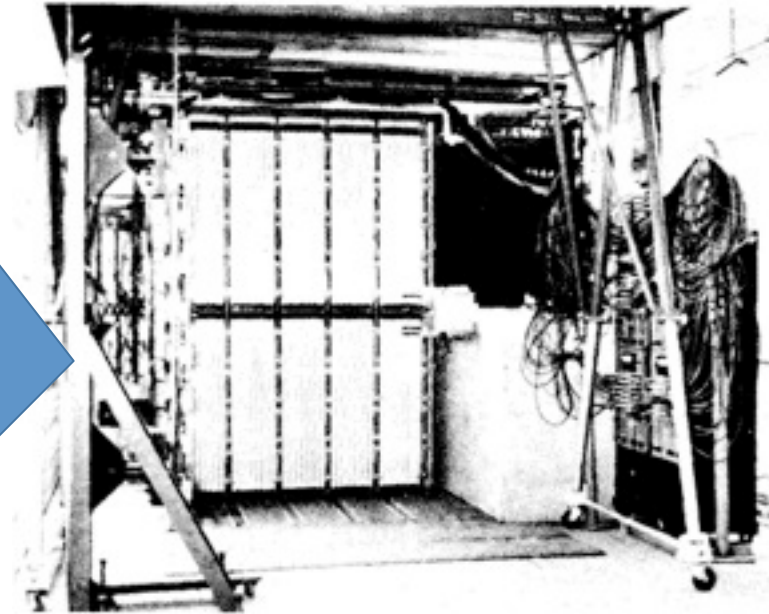
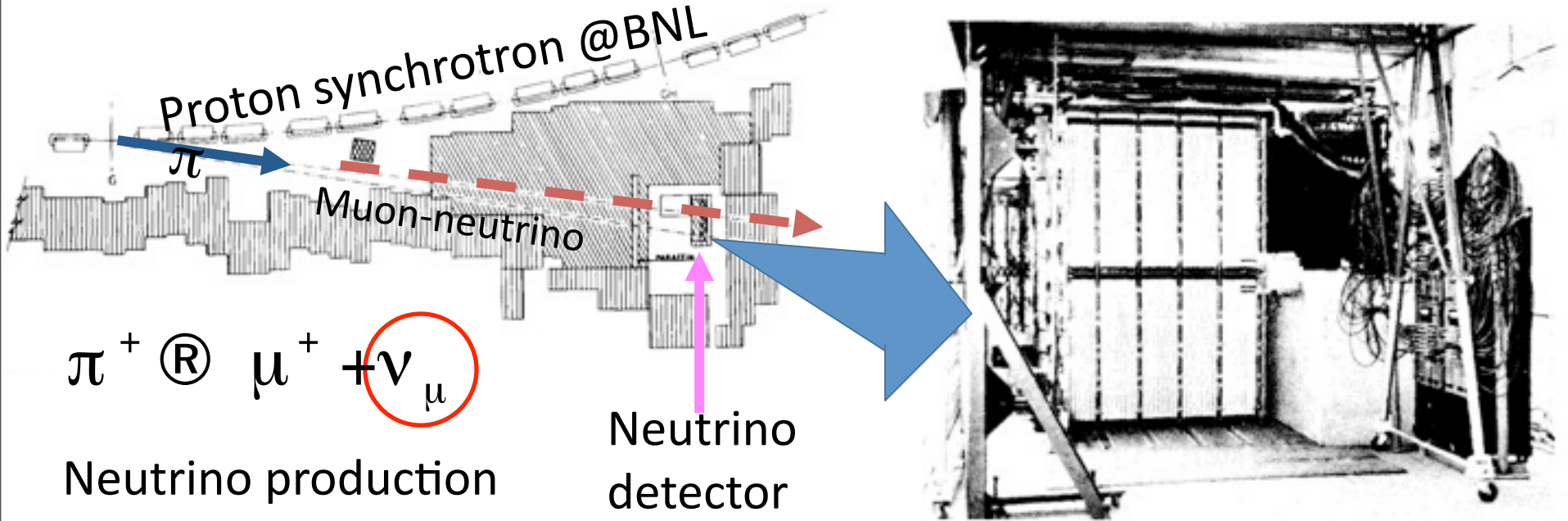


Discovery of muon-neutrino (1962)



From the left to right: J.Steinberger, M.Schwartz and L.Lederman
(Nobel Prize, 1988)

Discovery of muon-neutrino (1962)



One of the observed events

Matter elementary particles

| | 第一世代 (first) | 第二世代 (second) | 第三世代 (third) |
|--------------|---|--|--|
| レプトン::LEPTON |  電子ニュートリノ electron neutrino |  ミューニュートリノ muon neutrino |  タウニュートリノ tau neutrino |
| クォーク::QUARK |  電子 electron |  ミューオン muon |  タウ tau |
| |  ダウン down |  ストレンジ strange |  ボトム bottom |
| |  アップ up |  チャーム charm |  トップ top |

Strong

Electro magnetic

Weak

Neutrino masses and neutrino oscillations

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However,



Maki



Nakagawa



Sakata



Pontecorvo

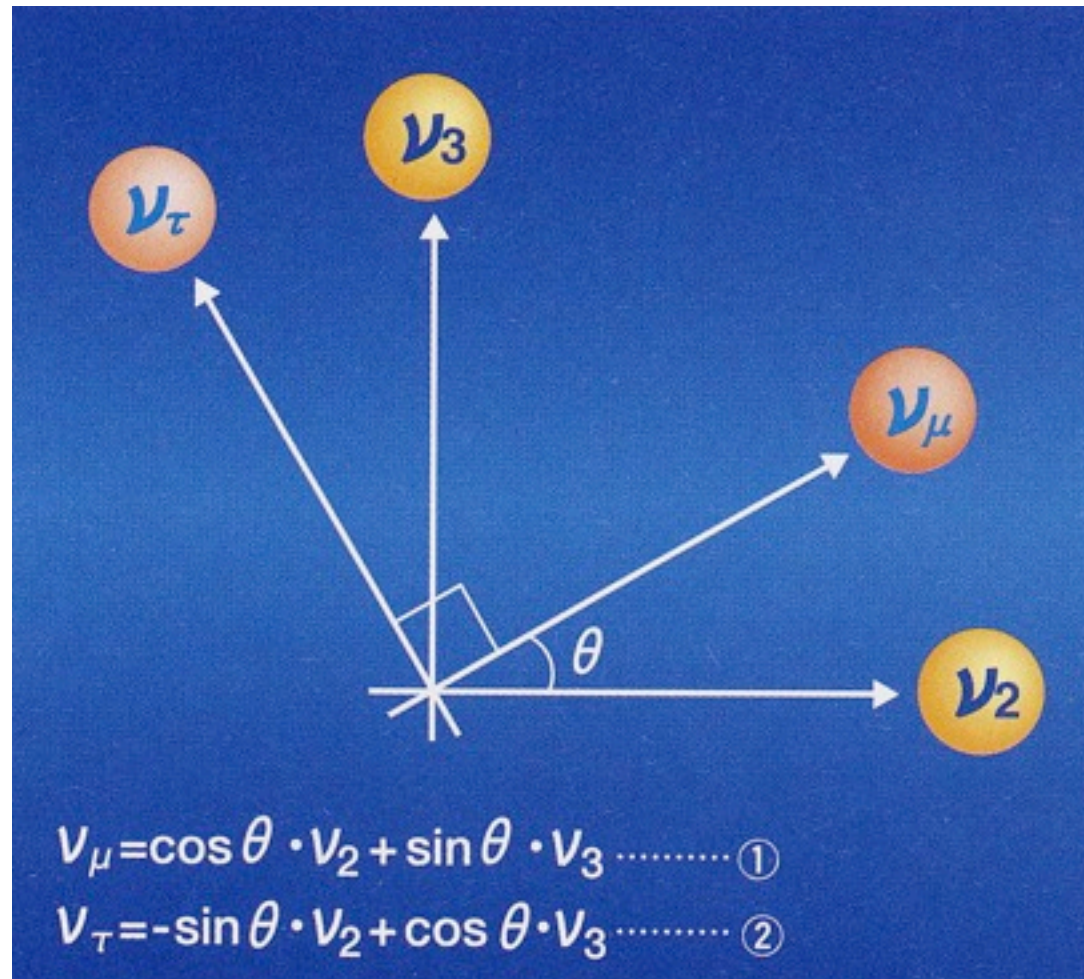
What will happen if neutrinos have masses.... ?

Neutrino masses

Neutrinos can be massive.

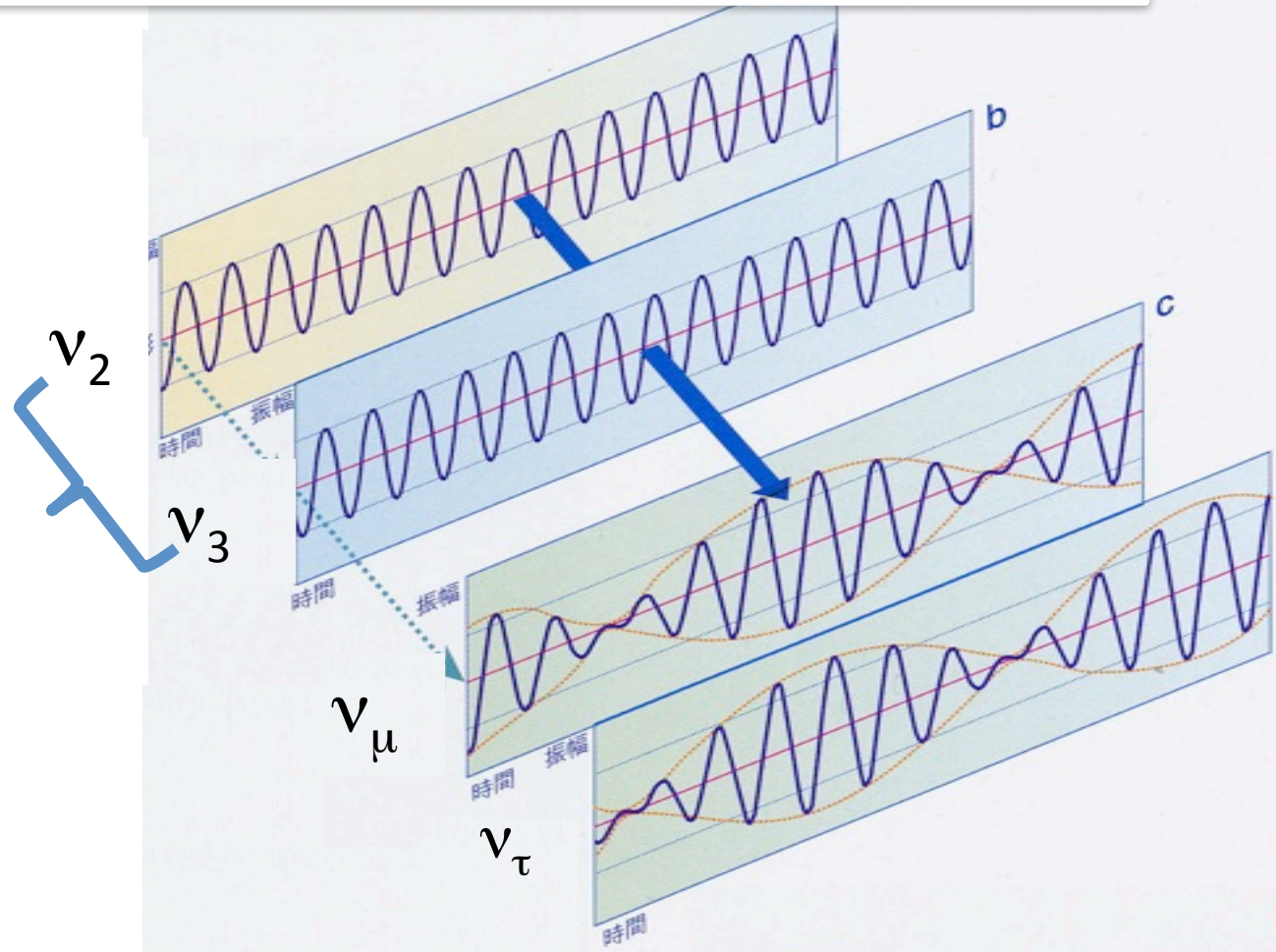
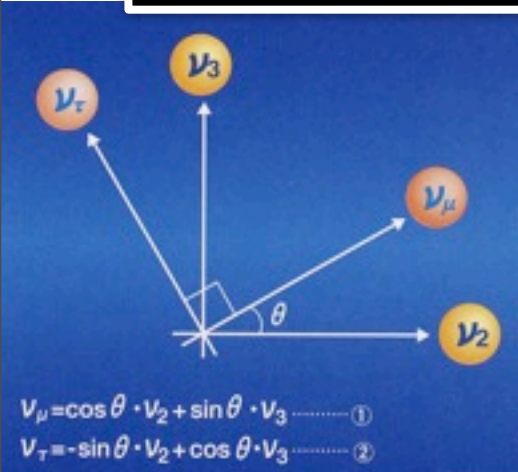
However, according to Quantum mechanics, it is generally not required that a certain type of neutrino (for example, ν_μ) to have a unique mass value.

Instead;



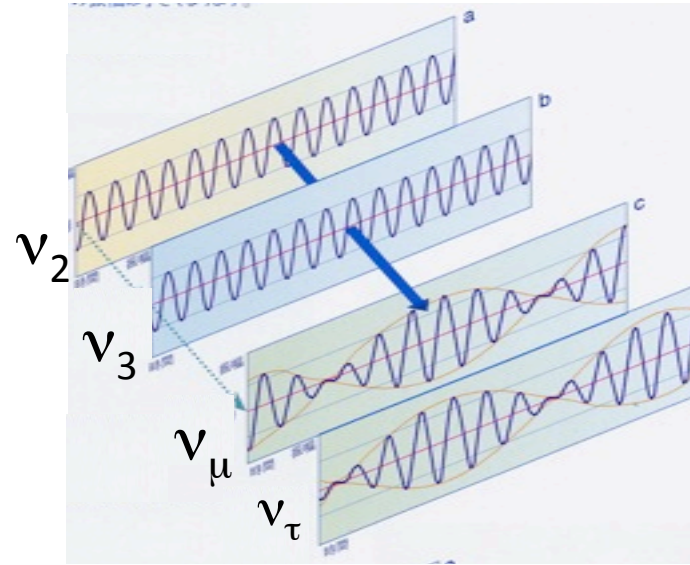
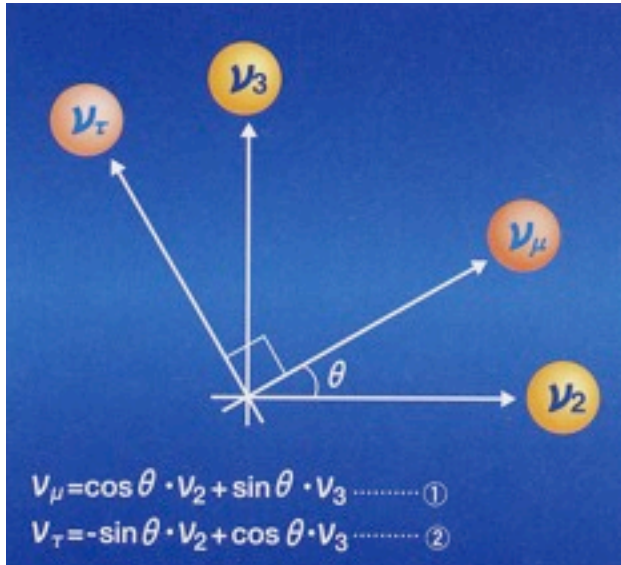
Neutrino masses and neutrino oscillations

Let us consider propagation of a neutrino (for example, initially ν_μ).



If neutrinos have masses, neutrinos change their type while propagating in the vacuum (or in a medium).

Neutrino masses and neutrino oscillations



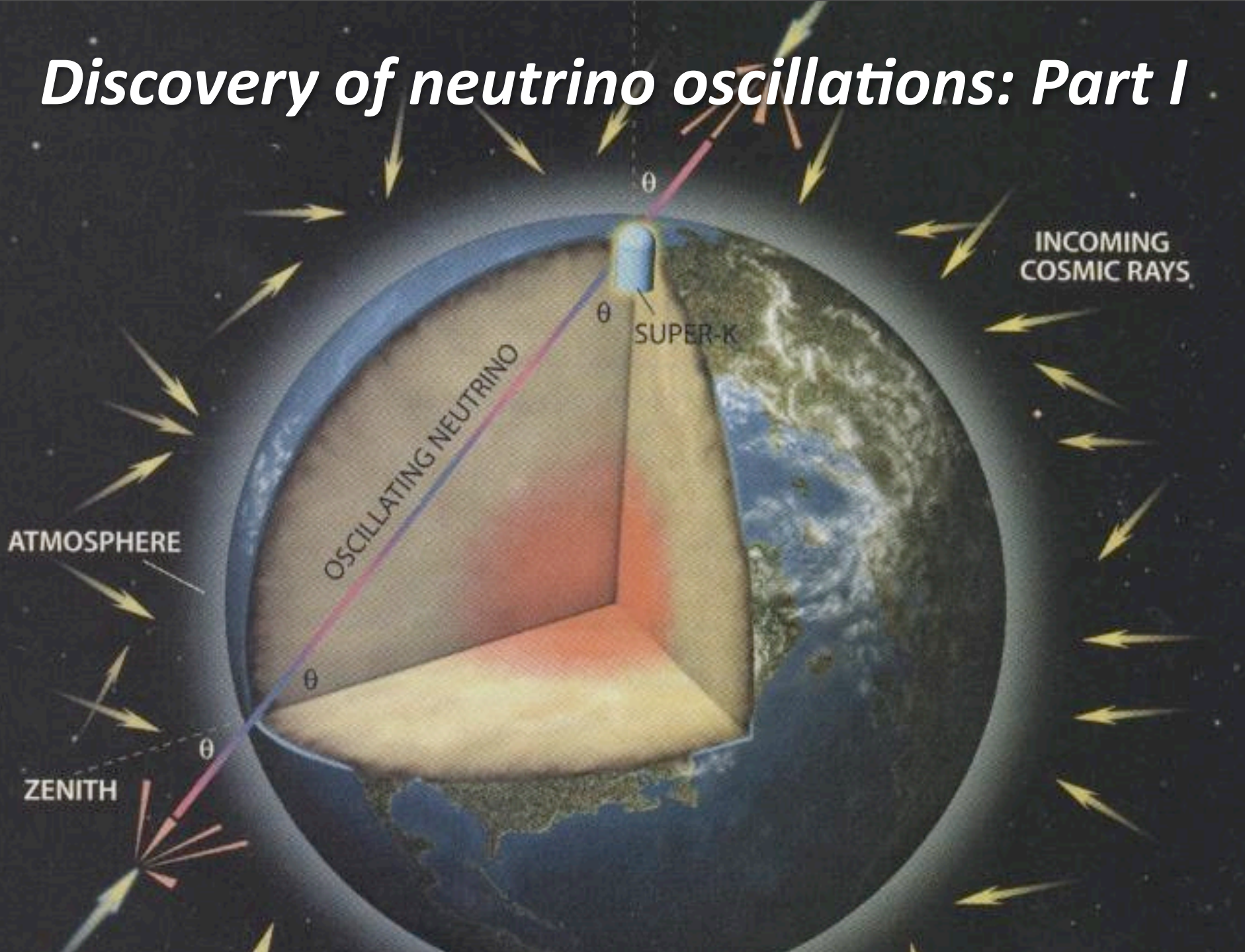
$$\underline{P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu)} = 1 - \underline{\sin^2 2\theta} \times \underline{\sin^2} \left(\frac{1.27 \Delta m^2 \times L(\text{km})}{E_\nu (\text{GeV})} \right)$$

where $(\Delta m^2 = |m_{\nu_3}^2 - m_{\nu_2}^2| eV^2)$.

Used in most part of this talk.

$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau) + P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu) = 1$$

Discovery of neutrino oscillations: Part I

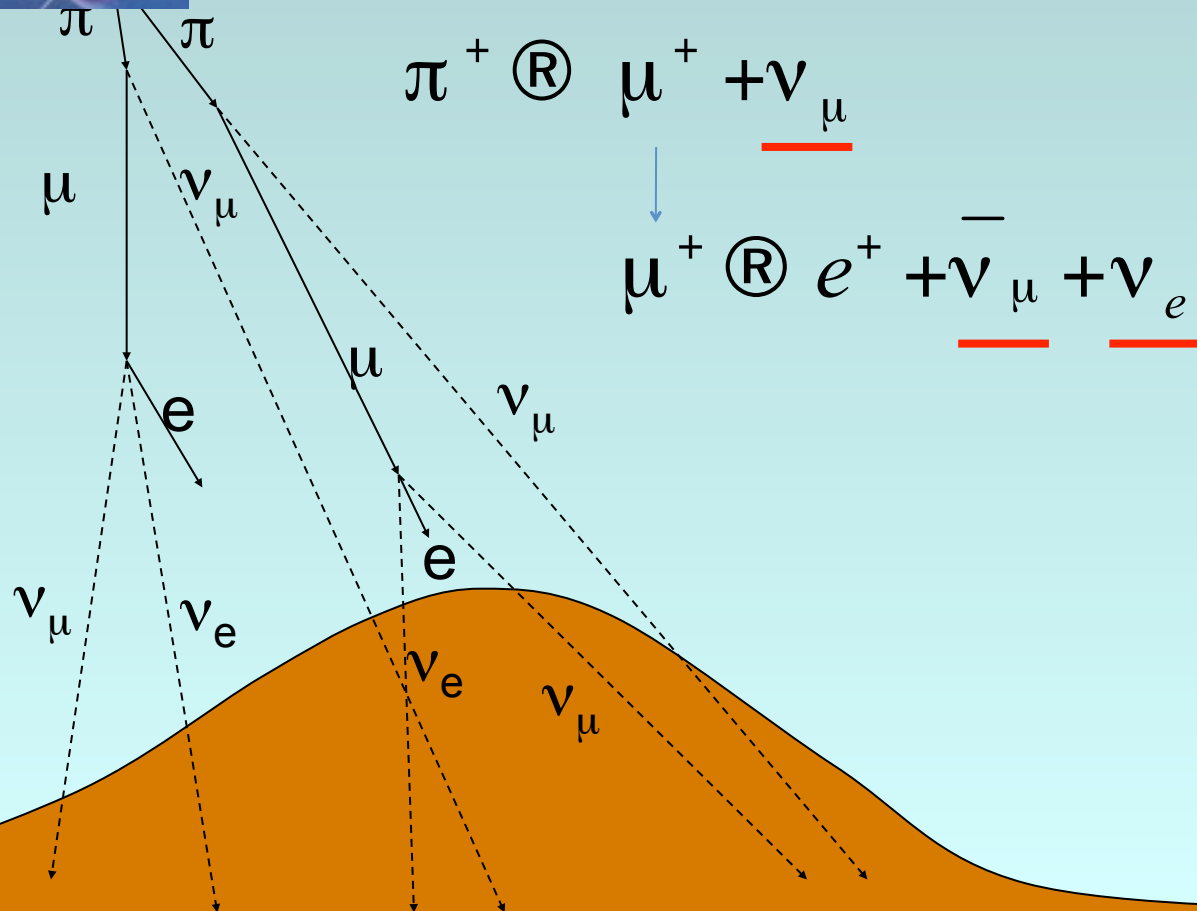


Neutrino production by cosmic ray interactions in the atmosphere (atmospheric neutrinos)

Cosmic ray
(p, He, ..)

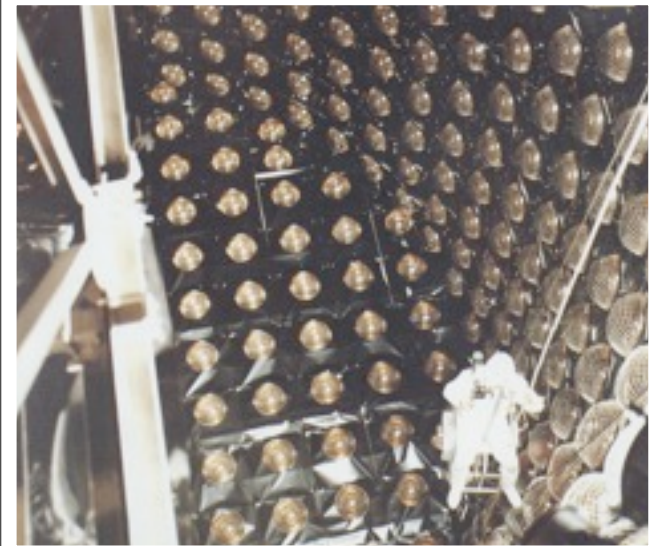


Nucleus in the atmosphere (O, N, ..)



Proton decay experiments (1980's)

Grand Unified Theories (in the 1970's) → $\tau_p = 10^{30 \pm 2}$ years



Kamiokande
(1000ton)

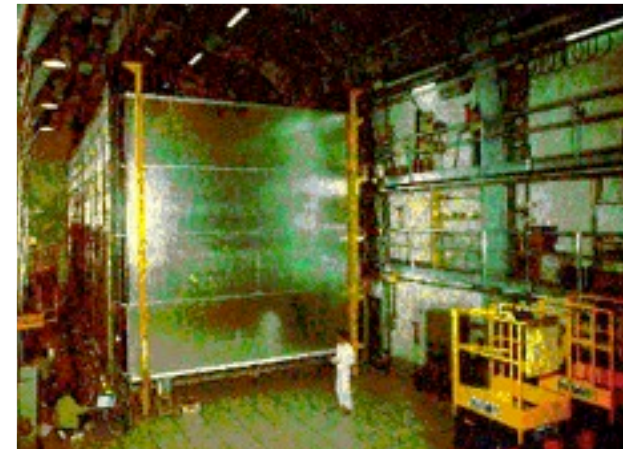
IMB
(3300ton)



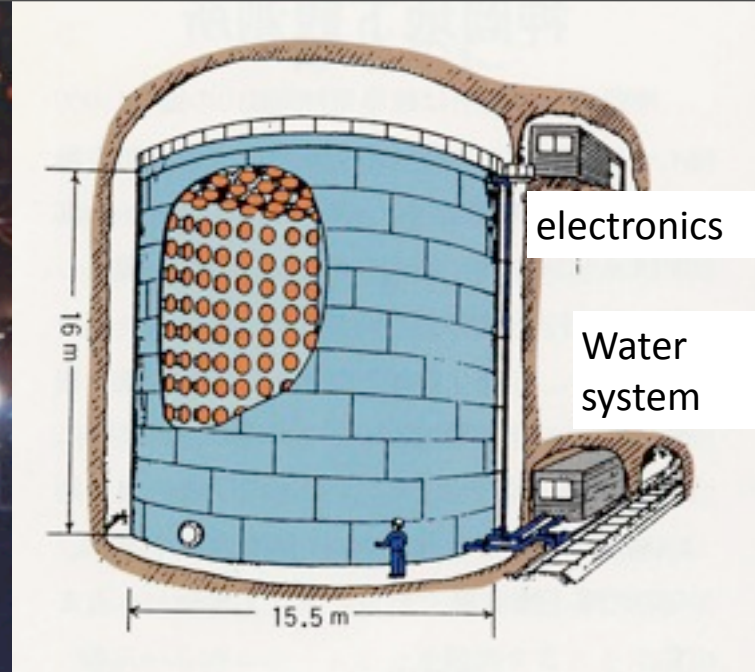
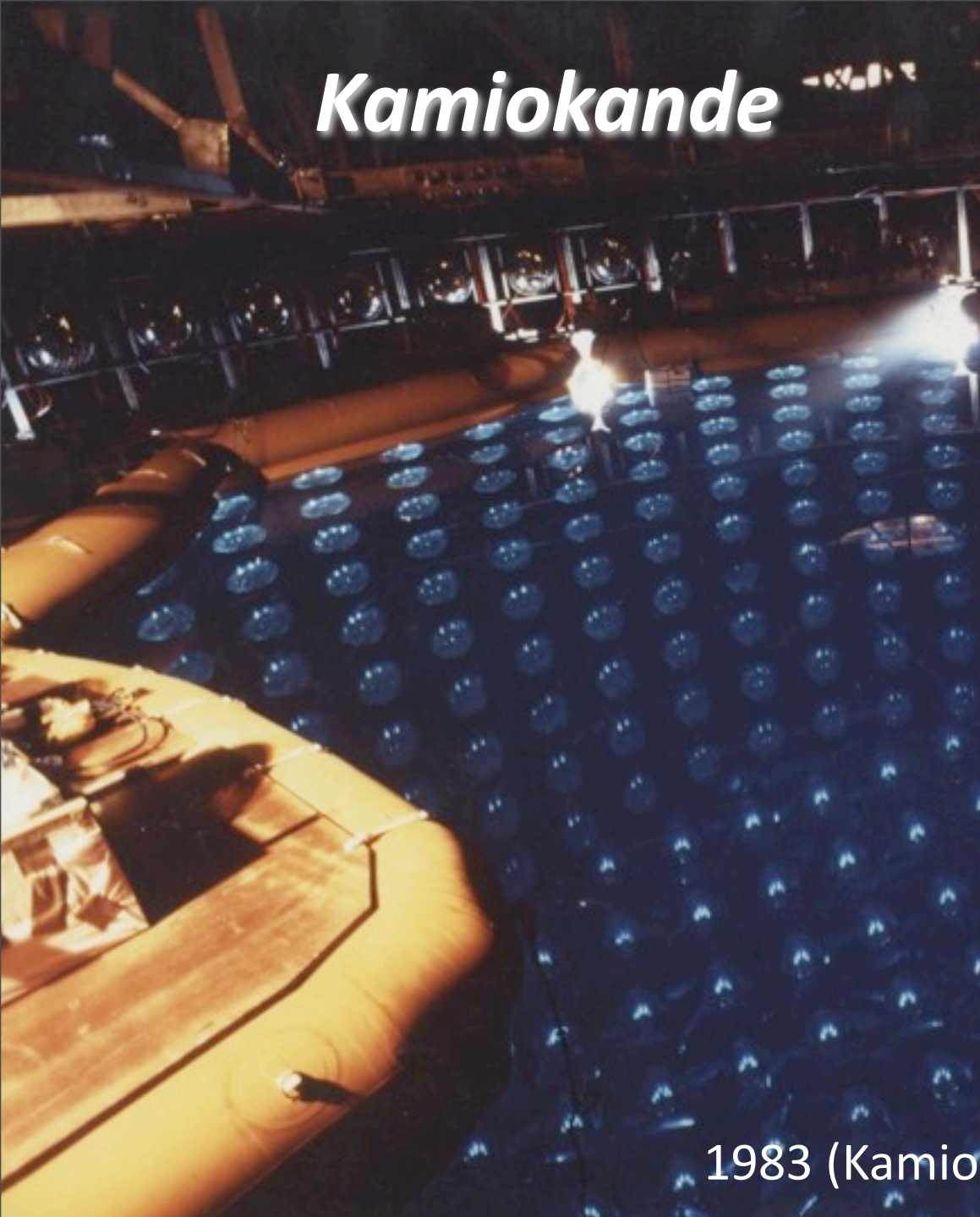
NUSEX
(130ton)

Frejus
(700ton)

These experiments observed many contained atmospheric neutrino events (background for proton decay).

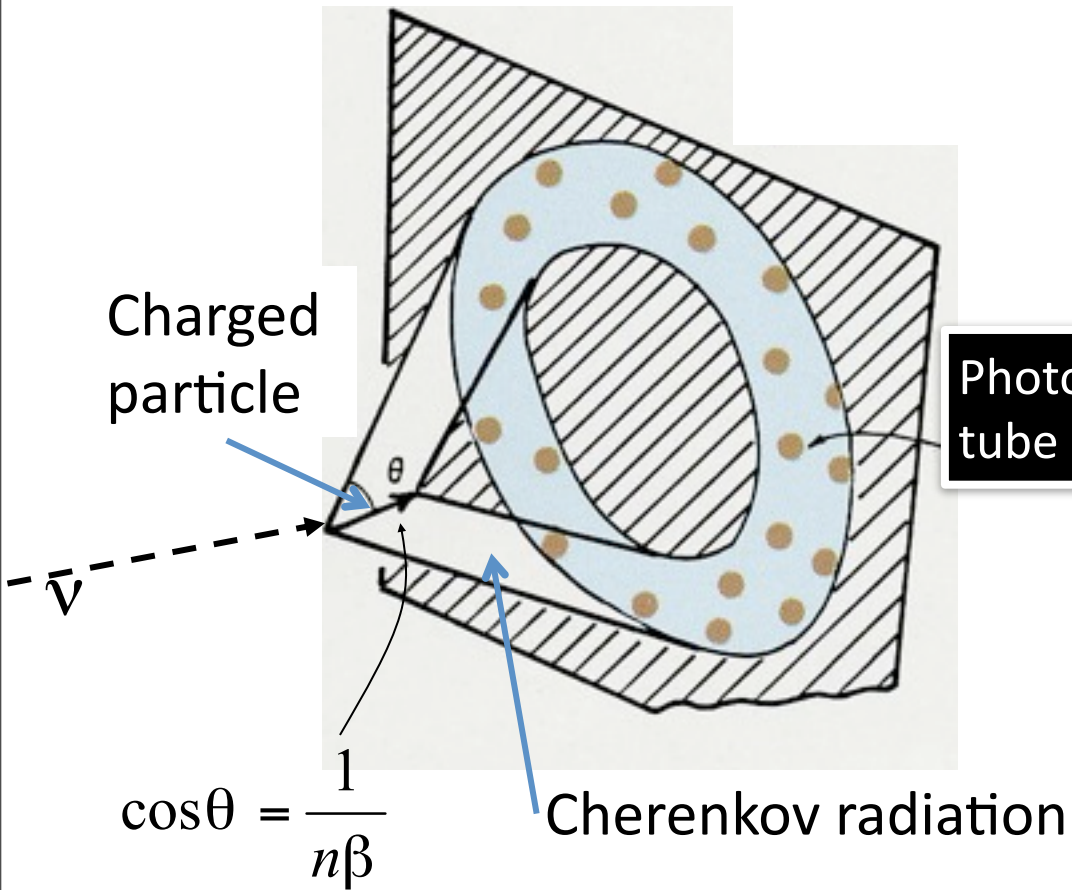


Kamiokande



1983 (Kamiokande construction)

Detecting Cherenkov photons



$$\cos\theta = \frac{1}{n\beta}$$

n (refractive index)=1.34
in water

→ $\theta=42\text{deg.}$ for $\beta=1$

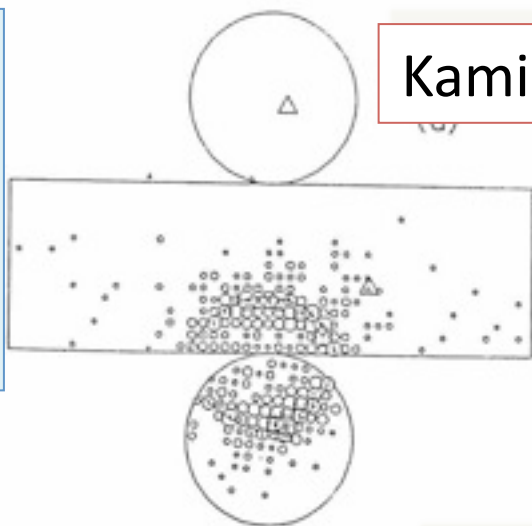


M. Koshiba
(2002 Nobel Prize)

Cherenkov rings by electrons and muons

electron-like events

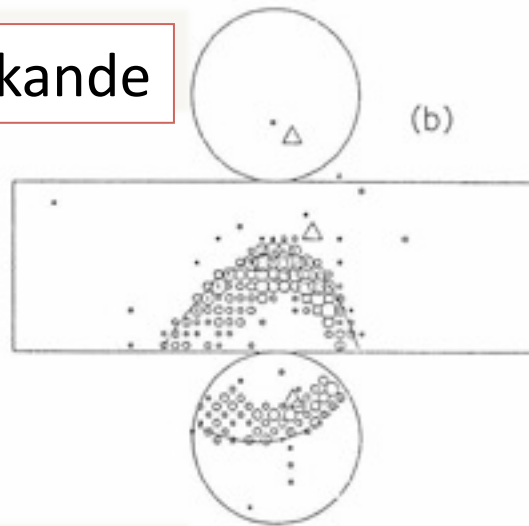
$$(\nu_e N \rightarrow e N')$$



Kamiokande

muon-like events

$$(\nu_\mu N \rightarrow \mu N')$$



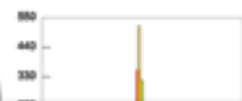
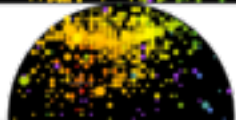
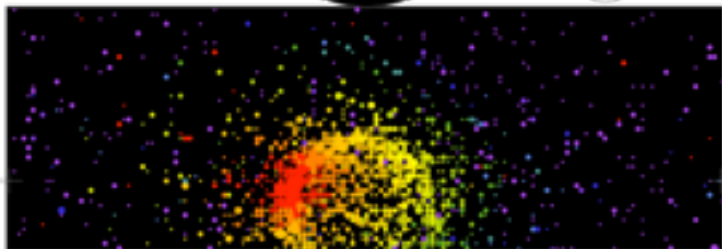
Super-K

Super-Kamiokande

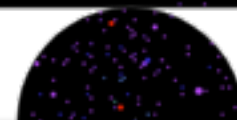
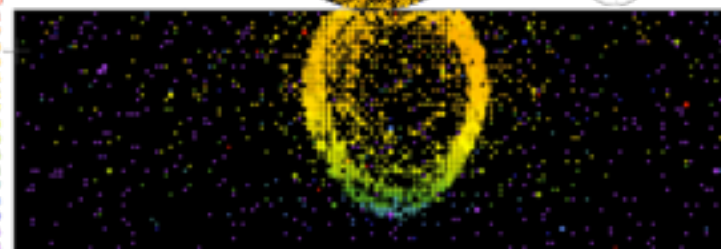
Run 3033 Event 149004
 94-10-24 19:39:33
 Inner: 1763 hits, 4023 pM
 Outer: 3 hits, 9 pM (in-time)
 Trigger ID: 0x3
 0 wall: 487.4 cm
 PC e-like, p = 453.8 MeV/c

Time[ns]

- 958 - 959
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- 963 - 965
- 968 - 970
- 971 - 974
- 976 - 983
- 983 - 985
- 986 - 995
- 993 - 998
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- 1023 - 1028
- 1028



W. 4 pM (in-time)
 8x33
 0 cm
 p = 1088.0 MeV/c



Particle Identification; $\epsilon=99\%$ @Super-K (98% @Kamiokande)

First result on the μ/e ratio (1988)



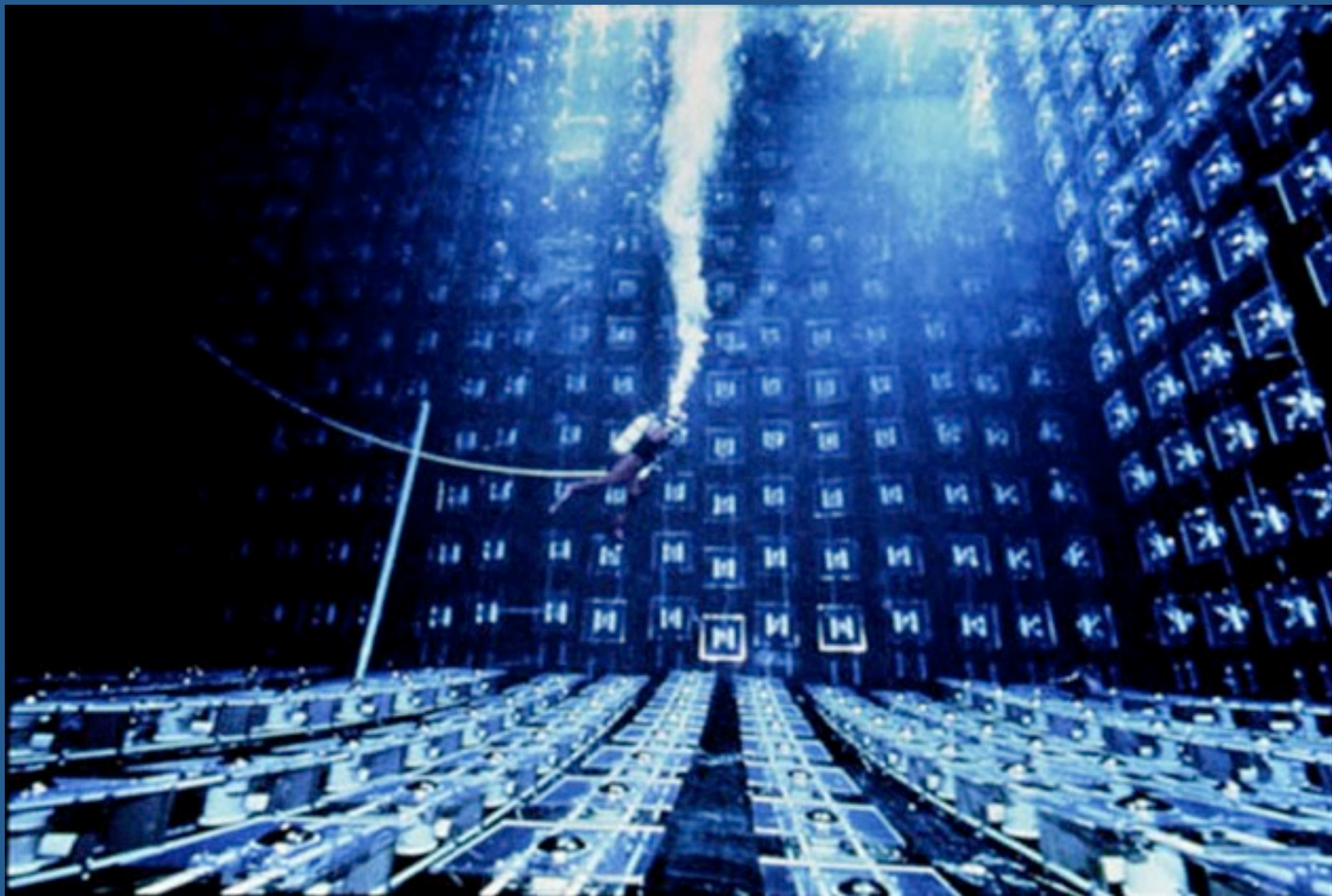
Kamiokande

| | Data | MC prediction |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| e-like (\sim CC ν_e) | 93 | 88.5 |
| μ -like (\sim CC ν_μ) | 85 | 144.0 |

“We are unable to explain the data as the result of systematic detector effects or uncertainties in the atmospheric neutrino fluxes. Some as-yet-unaccounted-for physics such as neutrino oscillations might explain the data.”

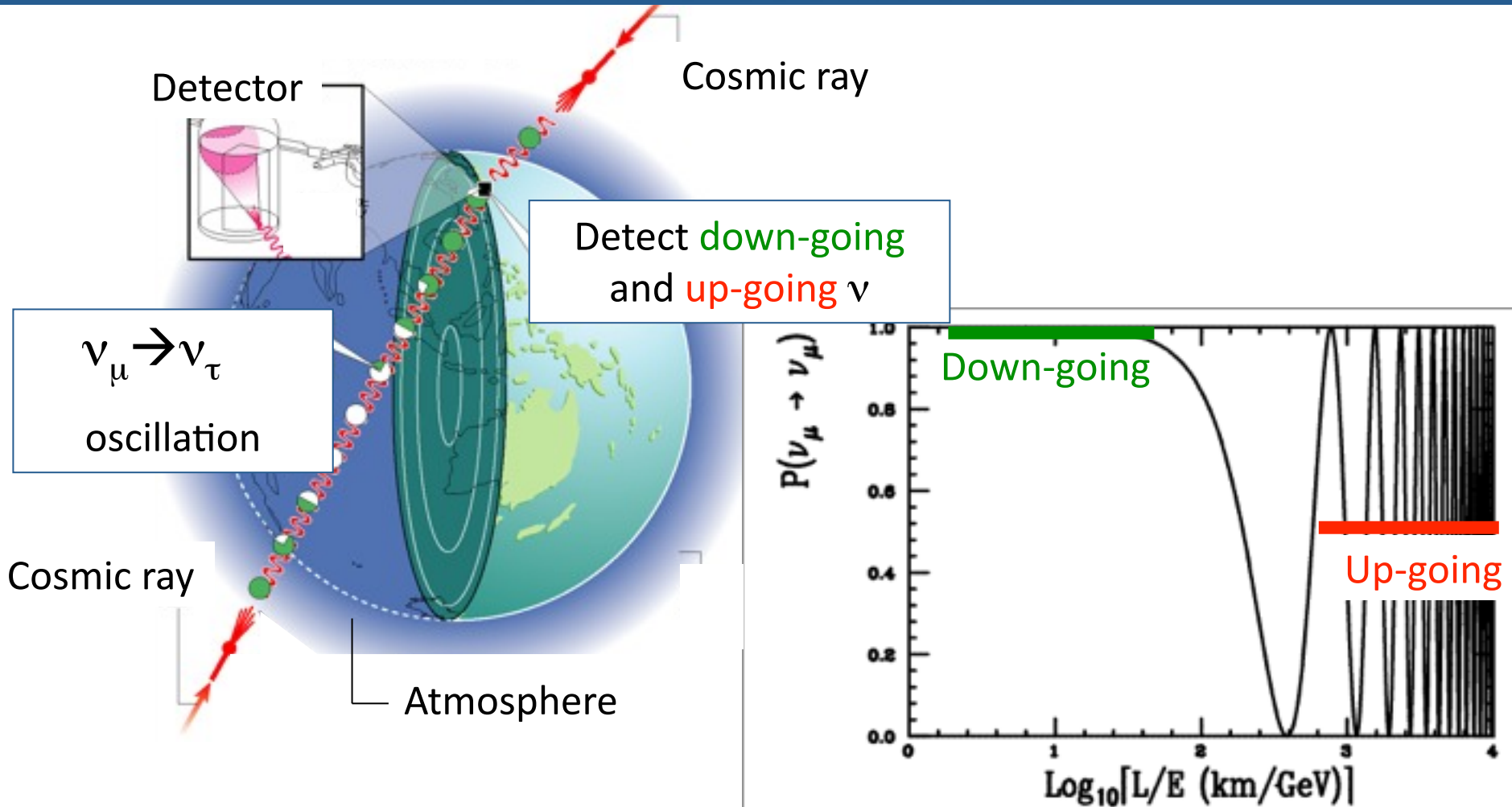
Kamiokande collab., Phys.Lett.B 205
(1988) 416.

First supporting result on small μ/e

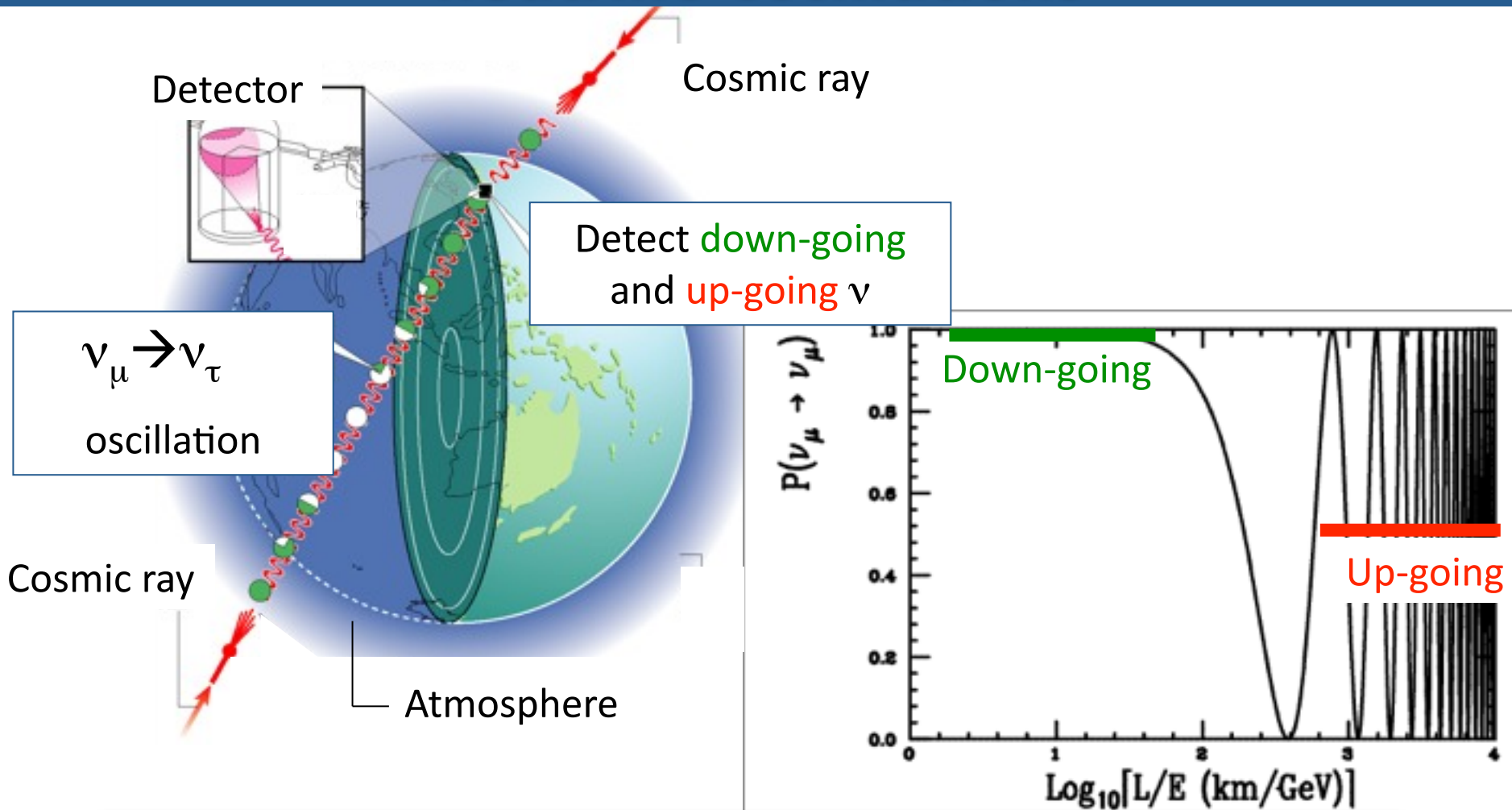


IMB experiment also reported smaller (μ/e) in 1991 and 1992.

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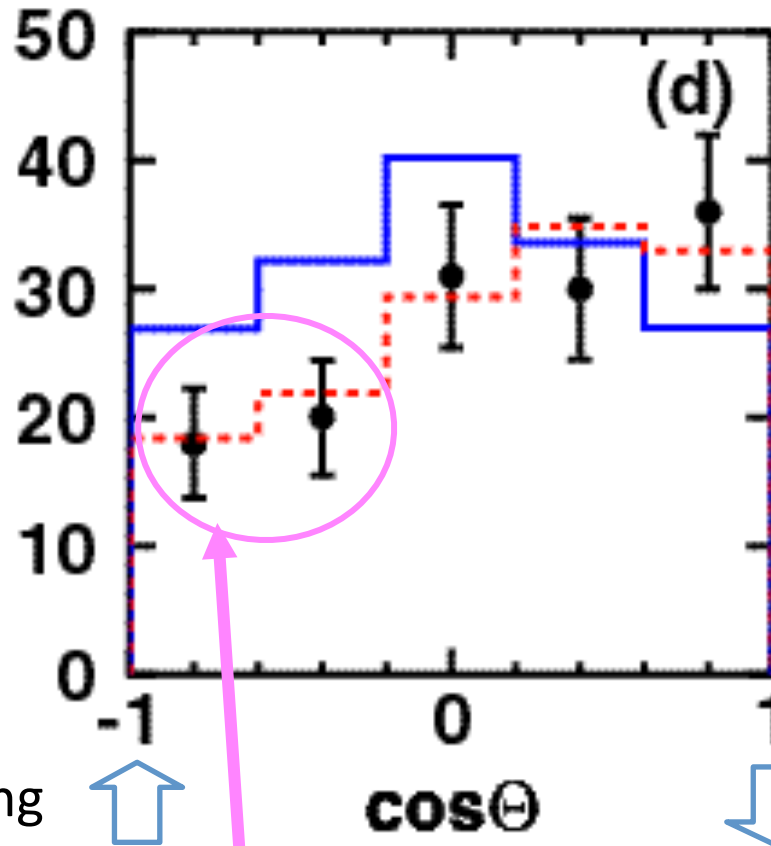
One should observe a deficit of upward going ν_{μ} 's (=muons) !

(A demonstration that quantum mechanics works even at the scale of the Earth!)

Zenith angle distribution (multi-GeV)

multi-GeV
 μ -like
events

Kamiokande PLB 335, 237 (1994)



— No oscillation
- - - $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau$ (best fit)

Up-going



$\cos\theta$



Down-going

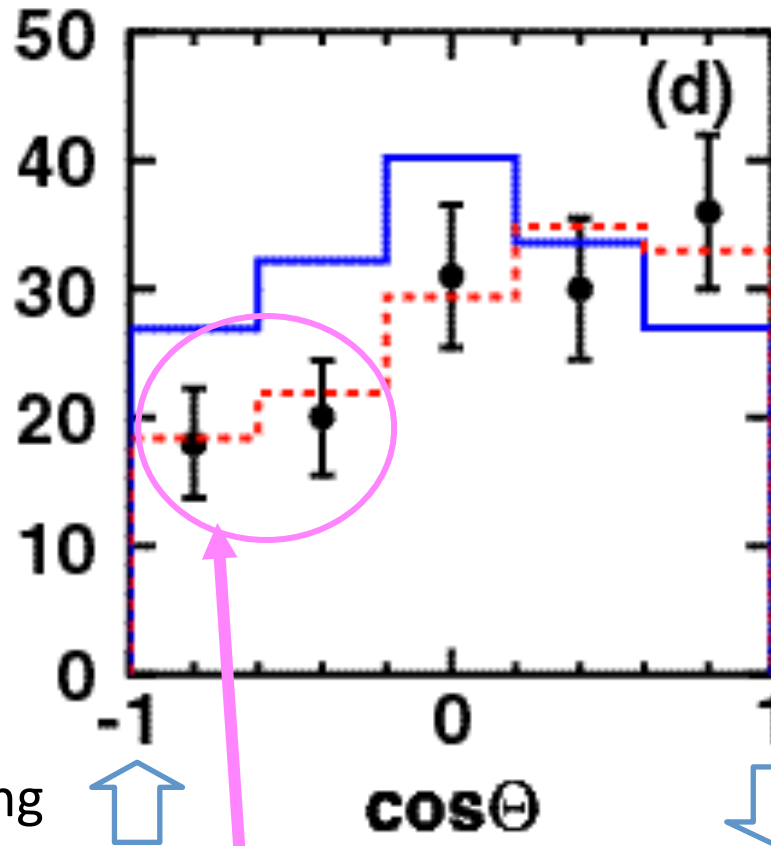
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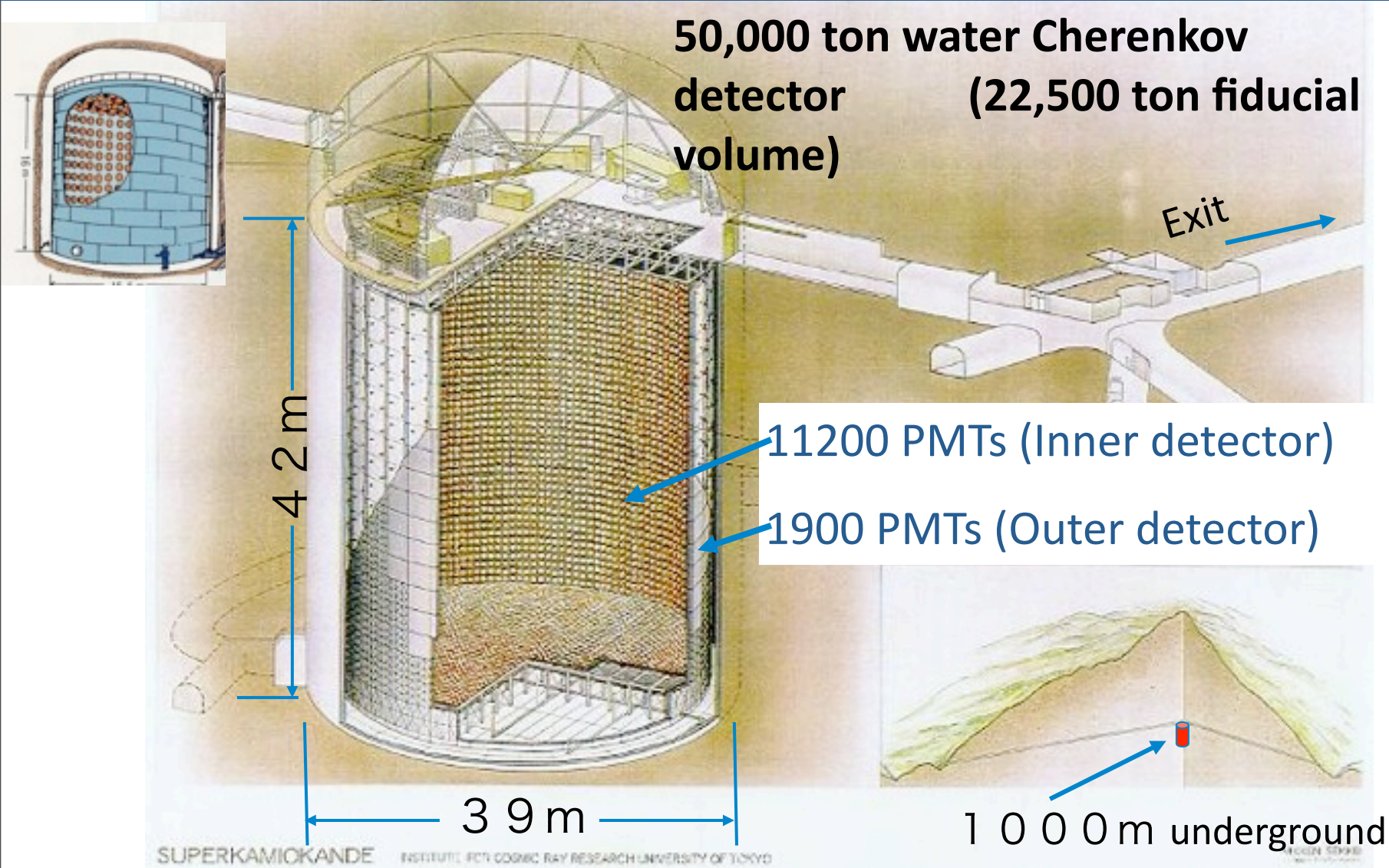
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Not high enough statistics to conclude ...
Much higher statics required (= much larger detector required)

Super-Kamiokade detector



UAM!!

(Prof. L. Labarga's group)

Water filling in Super-Kamiokande

Jan. 1996



Kamiokande

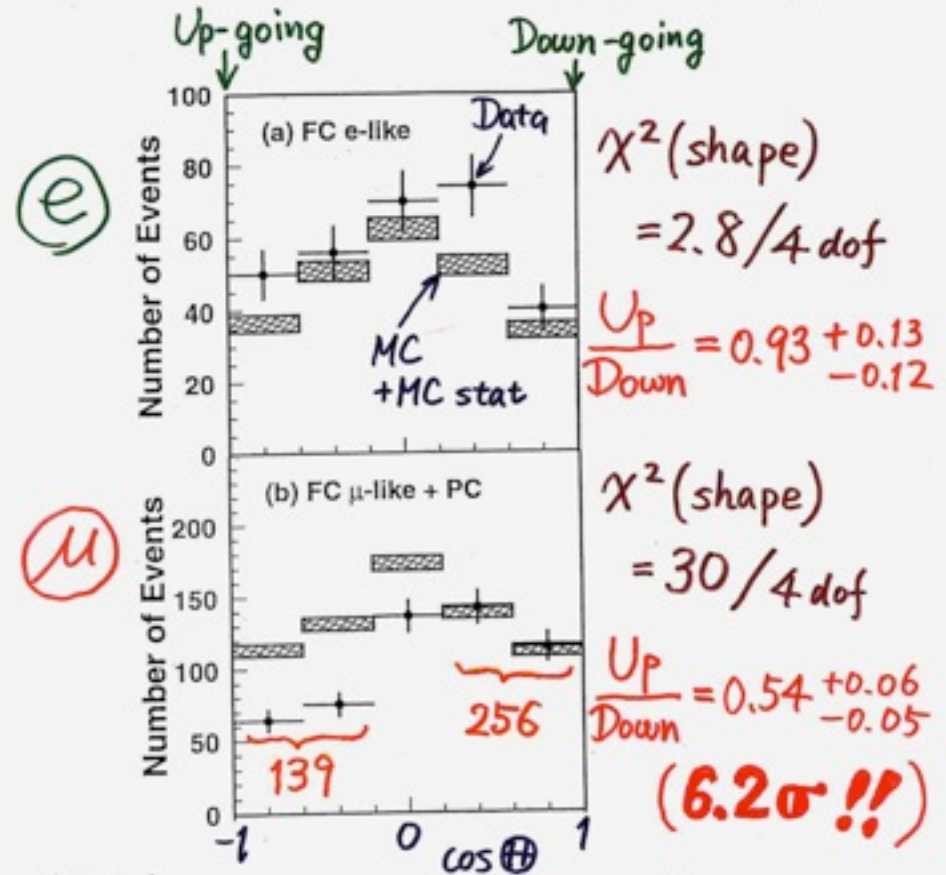


Monday, June 20, 2011

Evidence for neutrino oscillations (Super-Kamiokande @Neutrino '98)

Super-Kamiokande concluded that the observed zenith angle dependent deficit (and the other supporting data) gave evidence for neutrino oscillations.

Zenith angle dependence (Multi-GeV)



* Up/Down syst. error for μ -like

Prediction (flux calculation $\lesssim 1\%$
1km rock above SK 1.5%) 1.8%

Data (Energy calib. for $\uparrow \downarrow$ 0.7%
Non ν Background < 2%) 2.1%

President's remarks at the 1998 MIT commencement

June 5, 1998

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT AT MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY 1998 COMMENCEMENT



THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary
(Lincoln, Massachusetts)

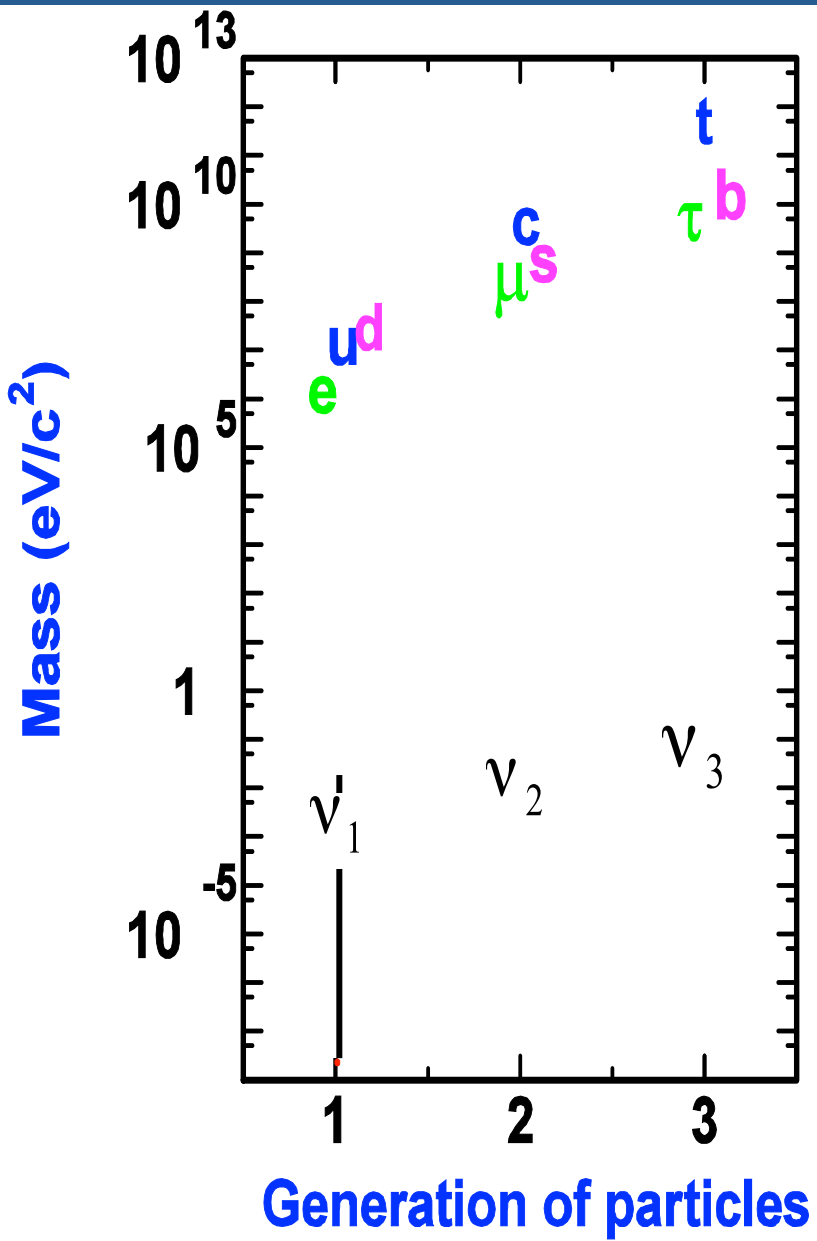
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1998

June 5,

First, we must help you to ensure that America

continues to lead the revolution in science and technology. Growth is a prerequisite for opportunity, and scientific research is a basic prerequisite for growth. Just yesterday in Japan, physicists announced a discovery that tiny neutrinos have mass. Now, that may not mean much to most Americans, but it may change our most fundamental theories -- from the nature of the smallest subatomic particles to how the universe itself works, and indeed how it expands.

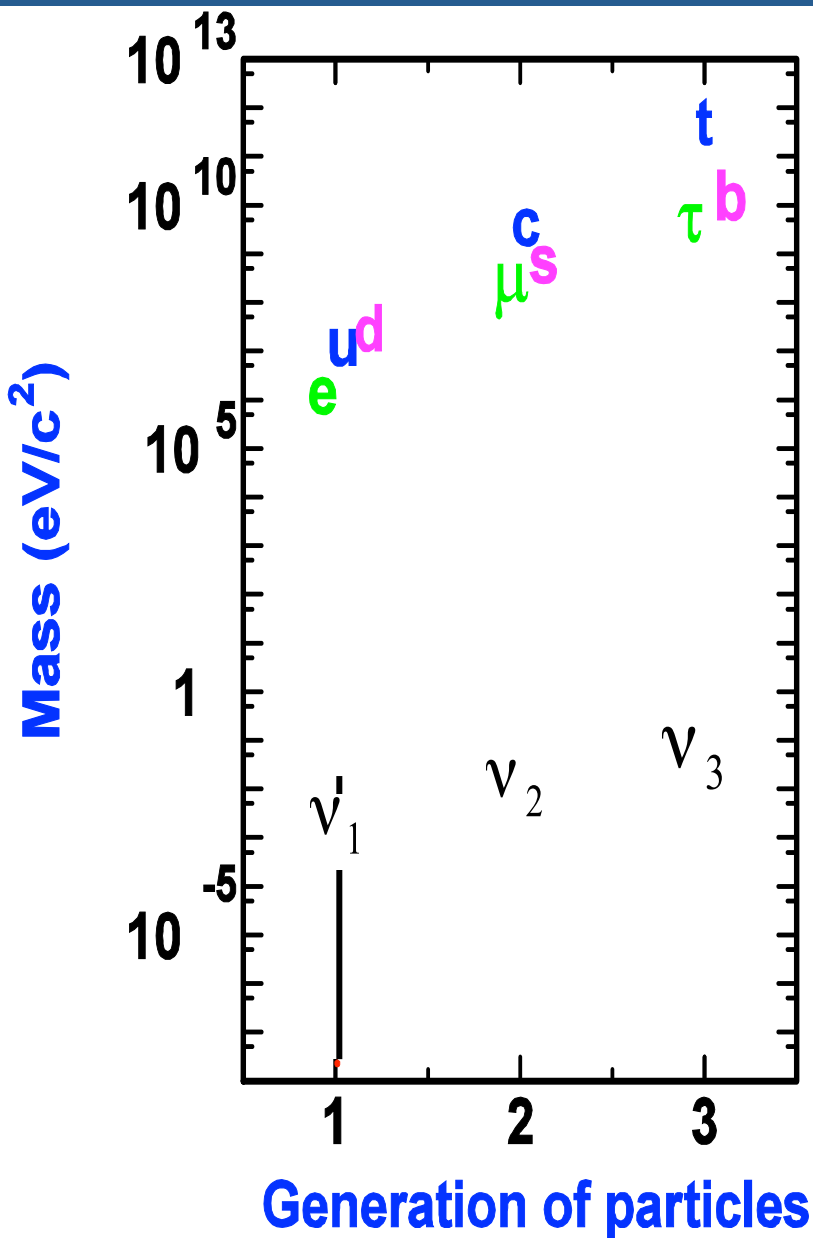
Why very small neutrino masses are important?



➔ $\left(\frac{m(\nu_3)}{m(\text{top quark})} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \approx \left(\frac{1}{3 \times 10^{12}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

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See-Saw mechanism

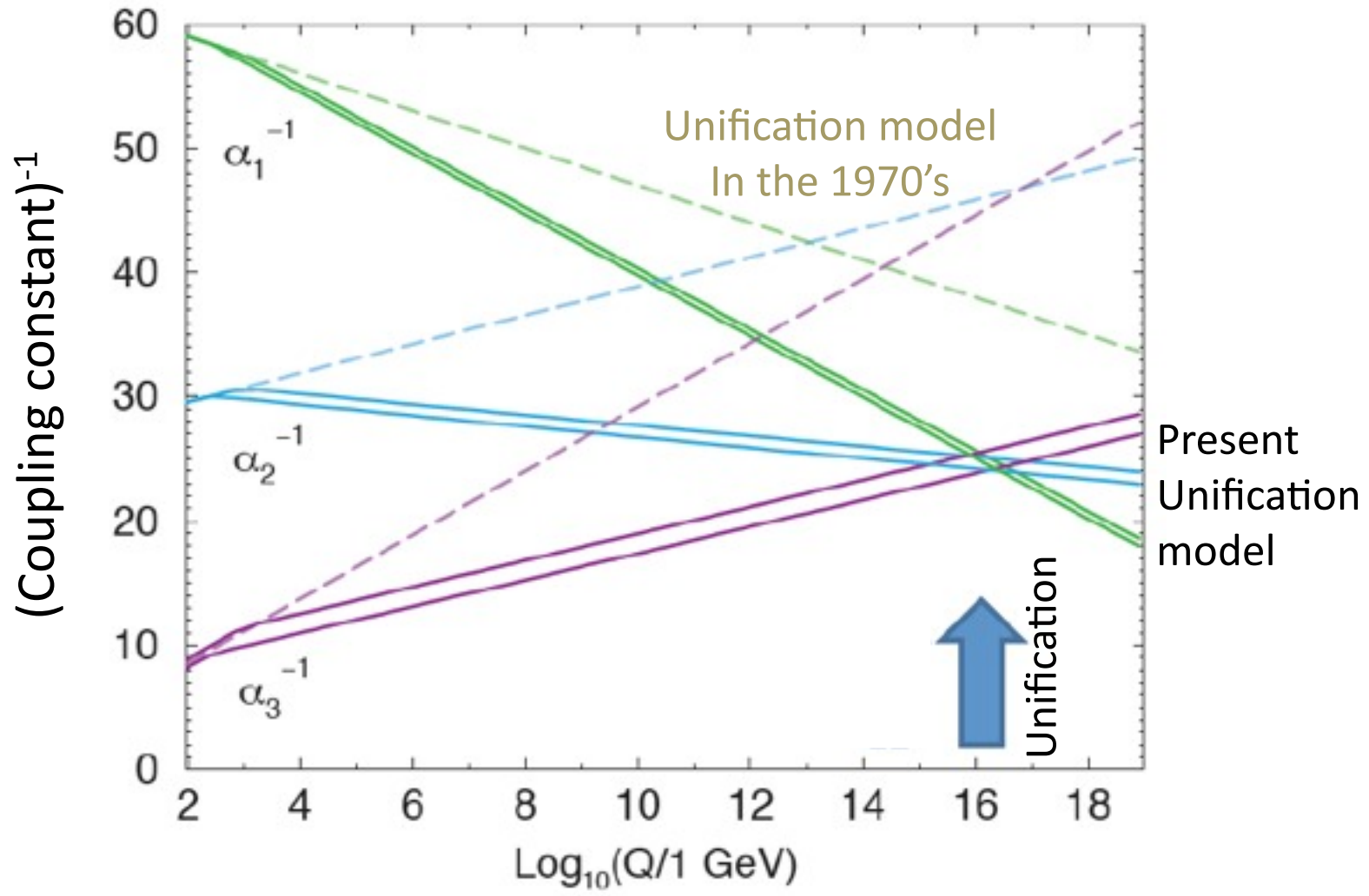
Minkowsky, Yanagida,
Gell-mann, Lamond, Slansky

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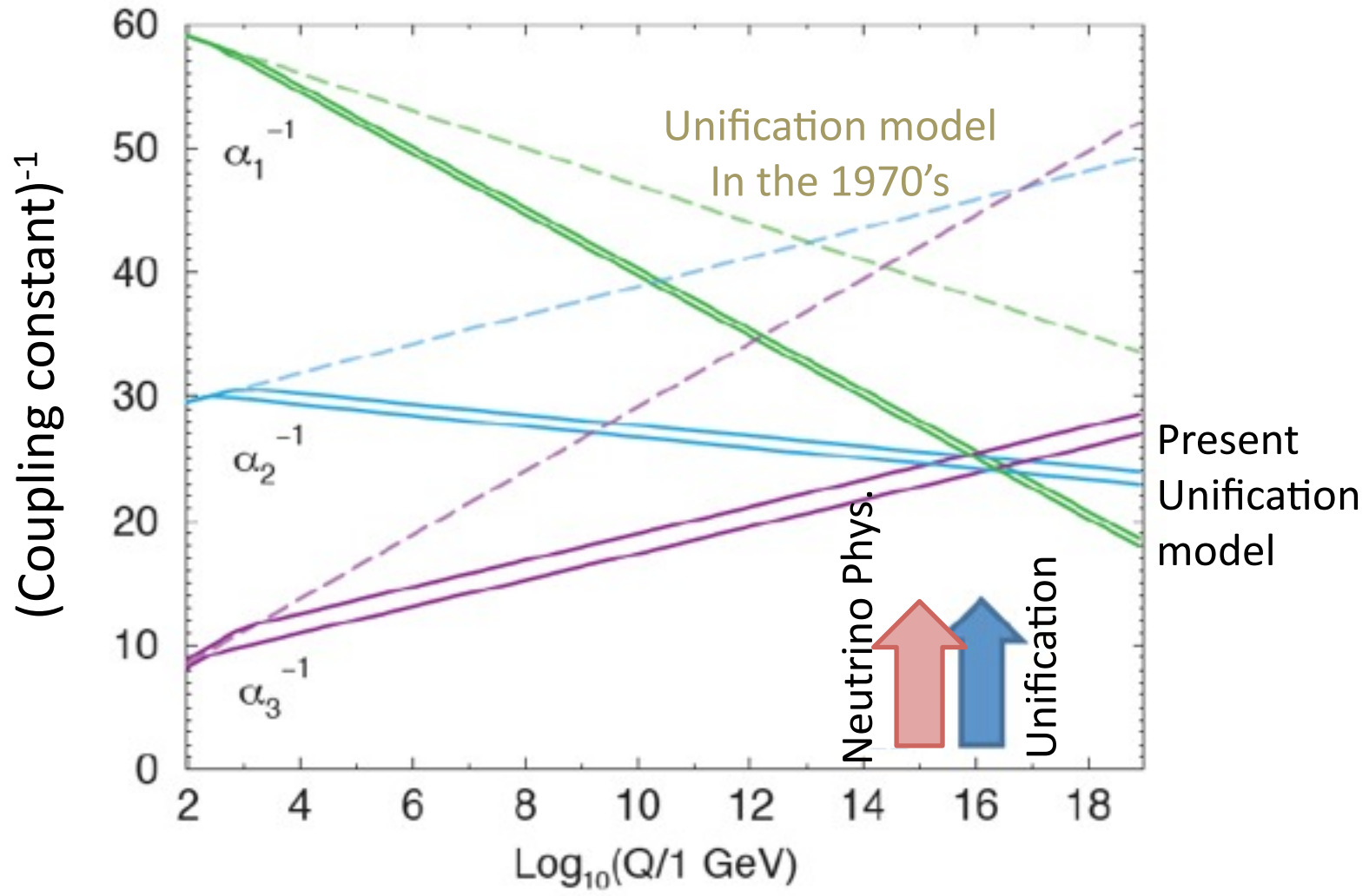
If we input m_{ν_3} and m_q
(m_{top} is used), we get
 $m_N = 10^{15} \text{ GeV}$



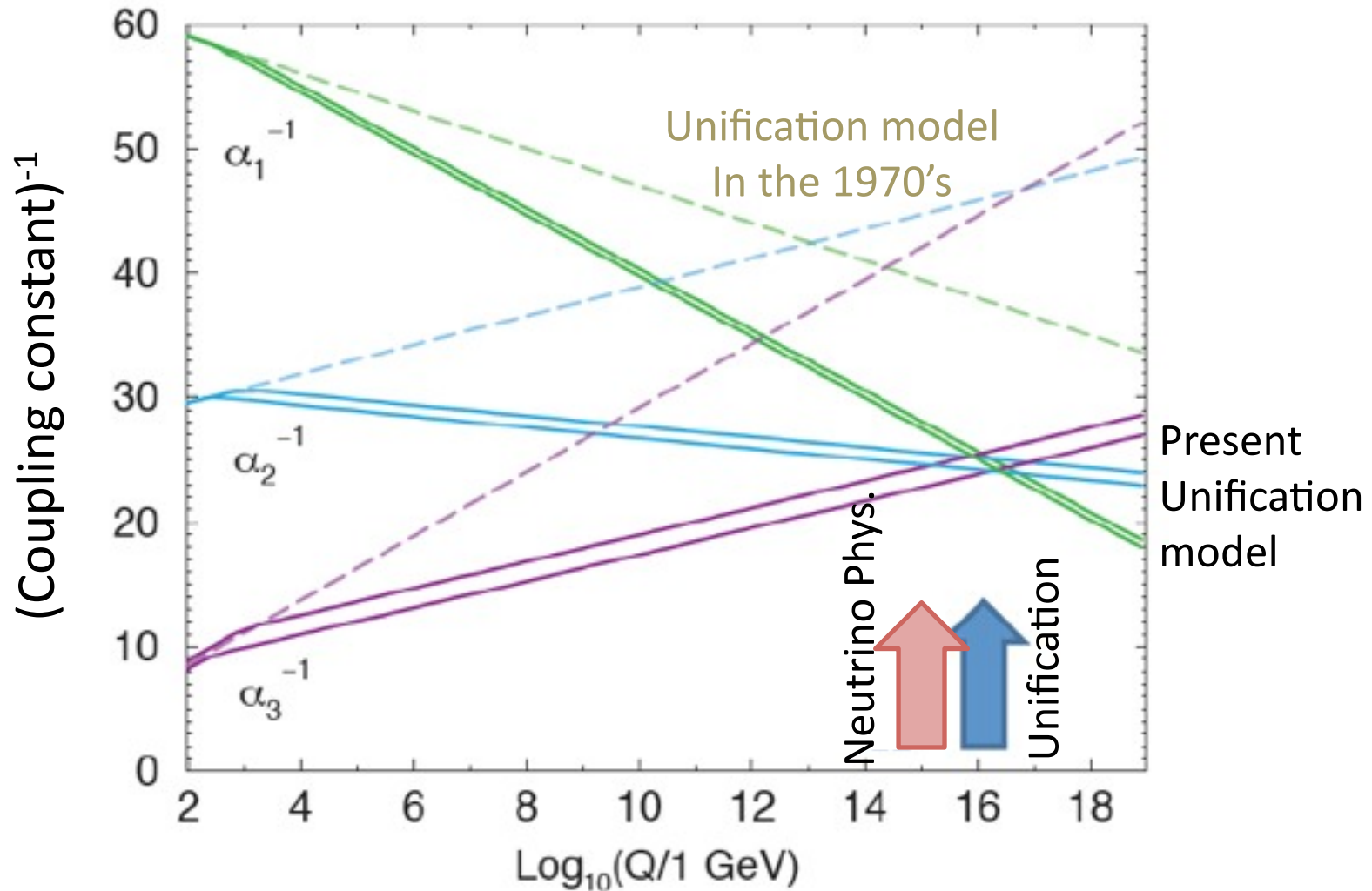
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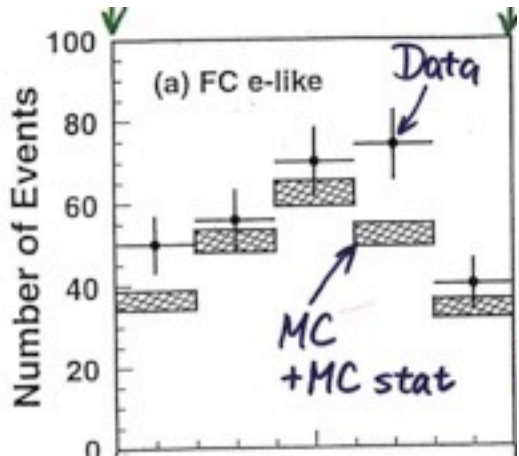


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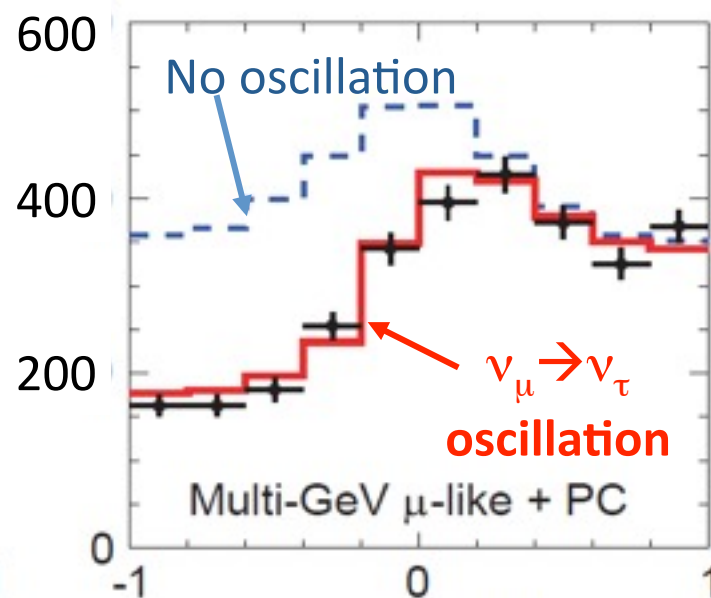
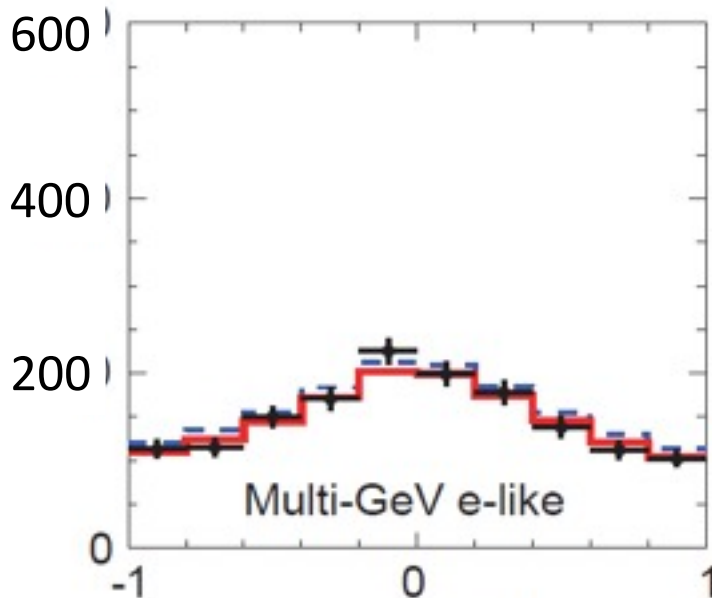
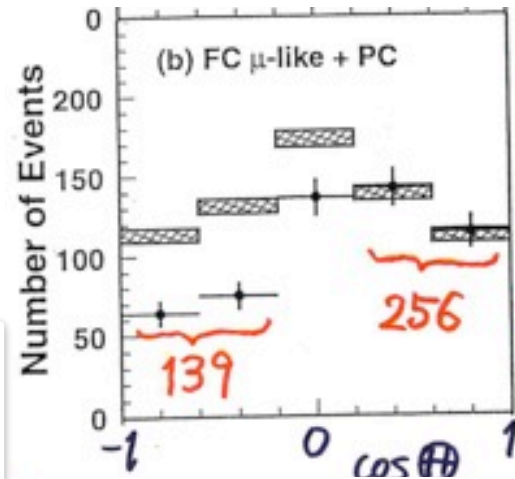
This suggests that physics of neutrino mass could be related to physics of Grand Unification!

Super-Kamiokande data now



@Neutrino98
(535 day)

@2010
(2806 day)

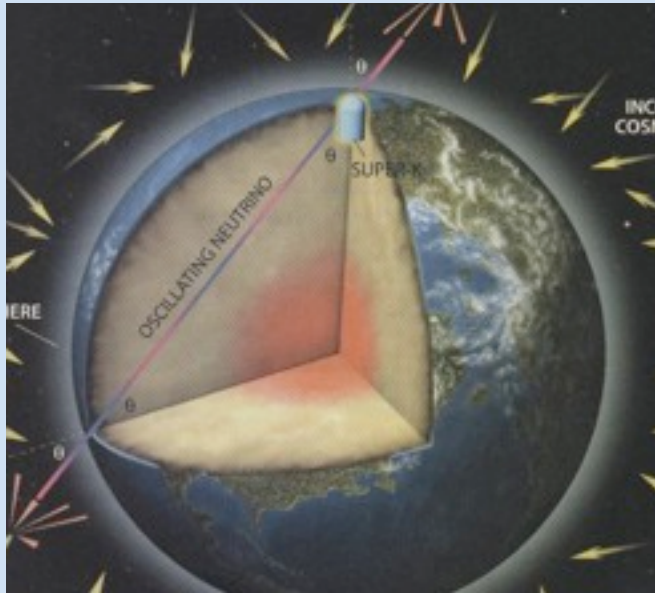


Up-going cos zenith Down-going

cos zenith

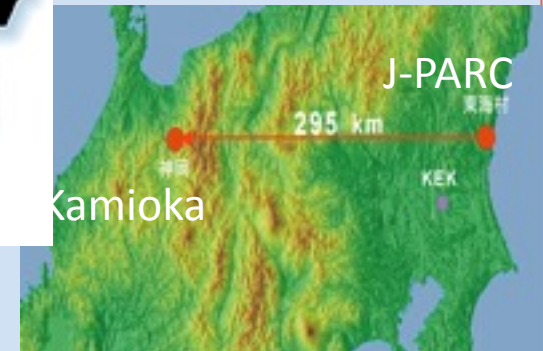
Future direction

Atmospheric neutrinos



- Very wide neutrino flight length
- Wide neutrino energy
- Mixture of ν_μ , anti- ν_μ , ν_e and anti- ν_e

Long baseline Experiments



- Single flight length
- Controlled neutrino energy
- almost pure ν_μ (or anti- ν_μ)

Initial discovery



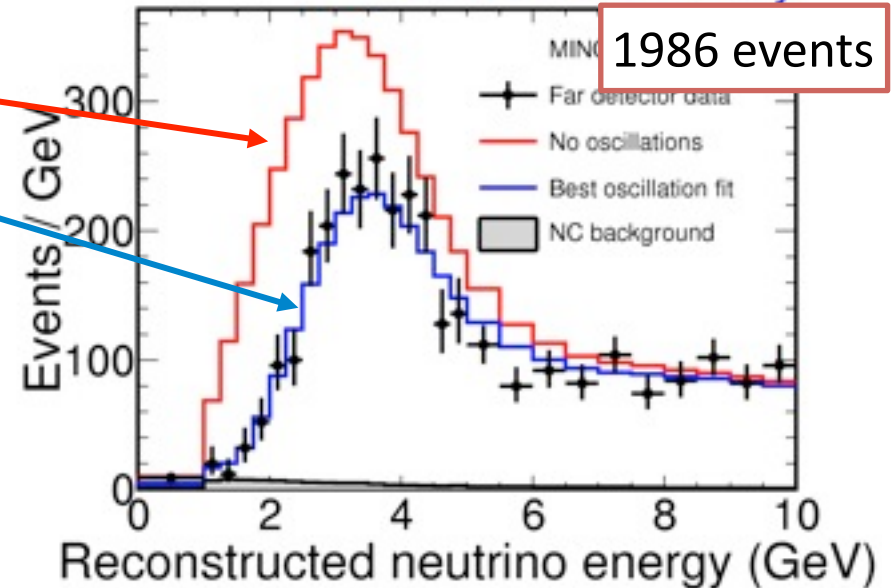
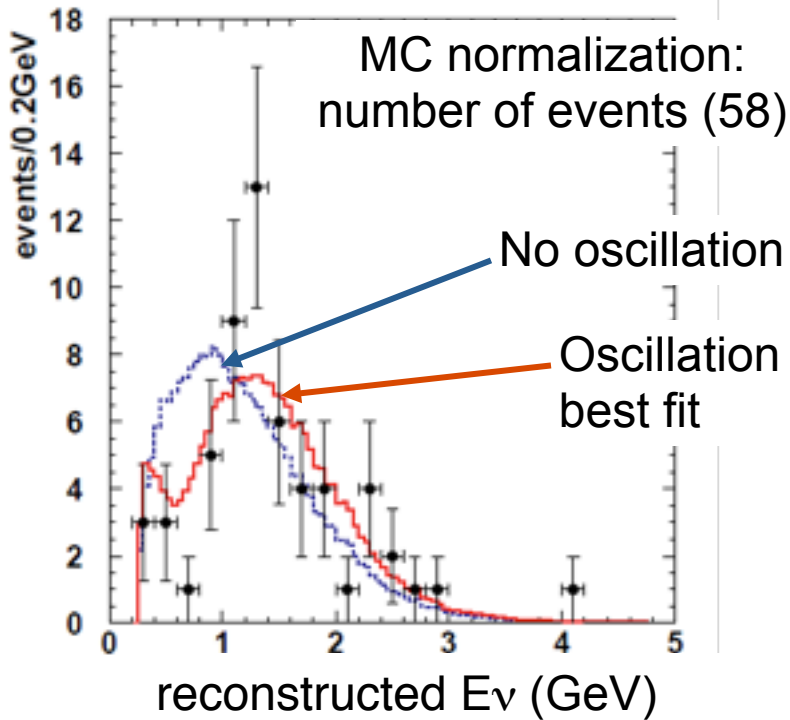
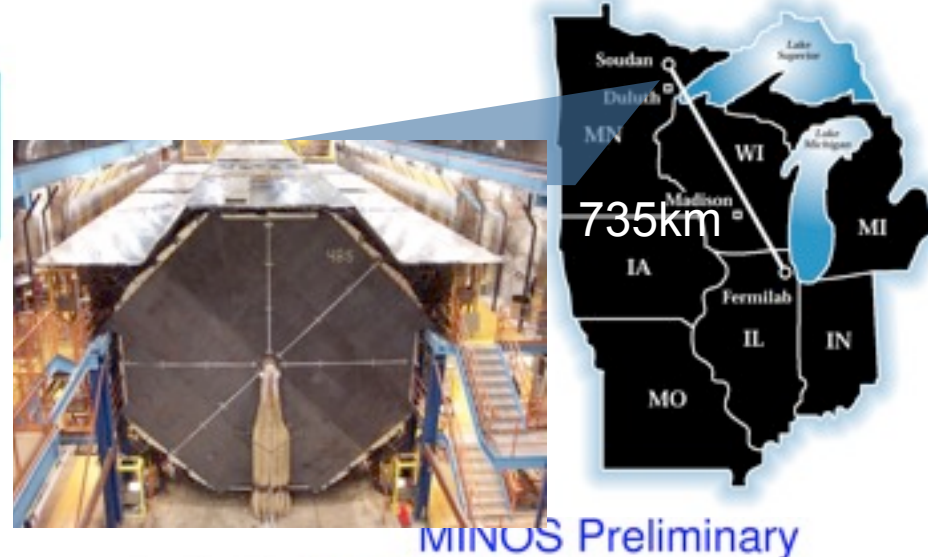
Precise studies

(However, there are still topics that atmospheric neutrinos can contribute ...)

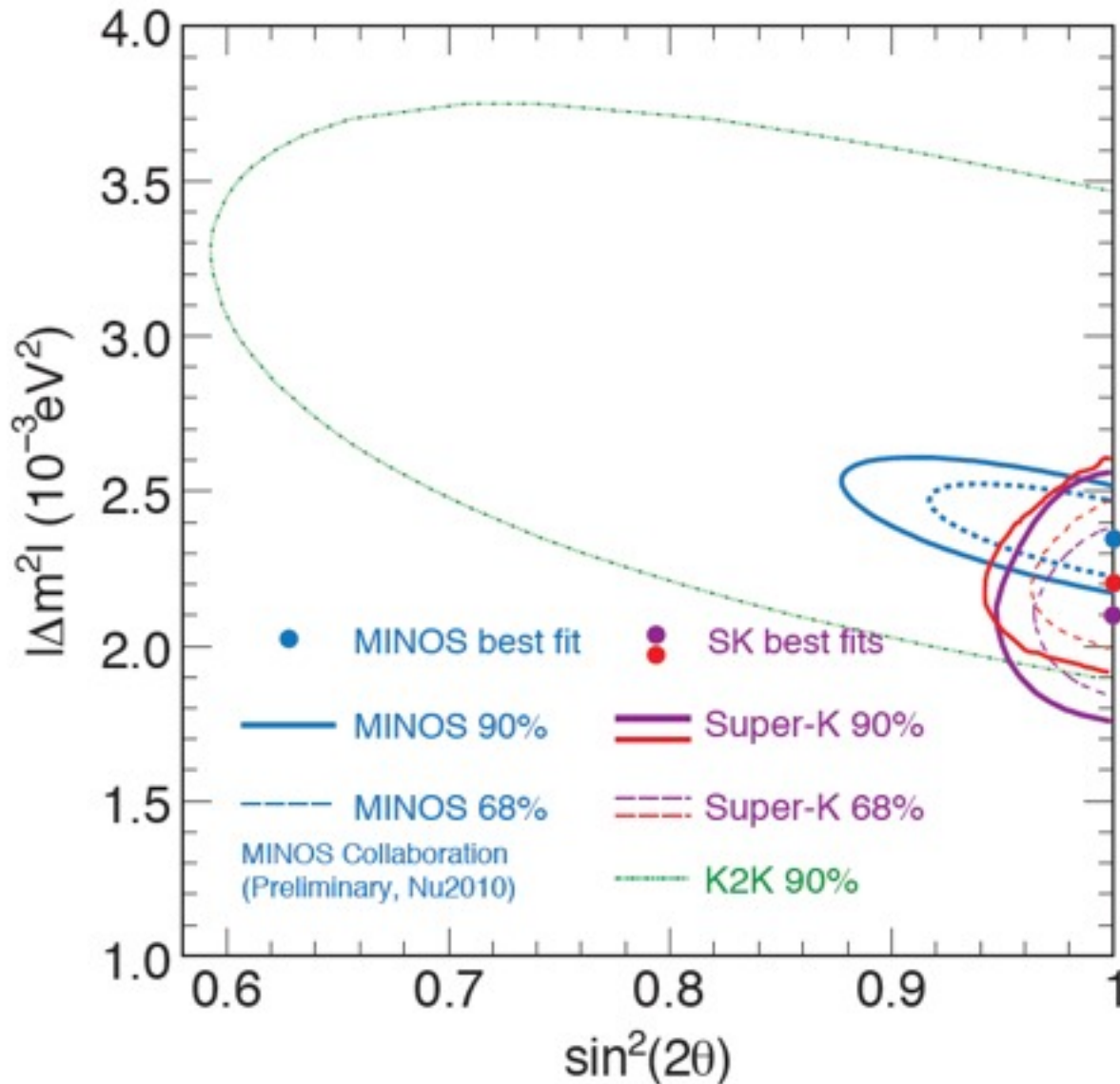
LBL experiments

K2K experiment (1999-2004)

MINOS experiment (2005-)



Allowed parameter region from atmospheric and long baseline experiments



ν_3 might be as heavy as 0.05 eV.

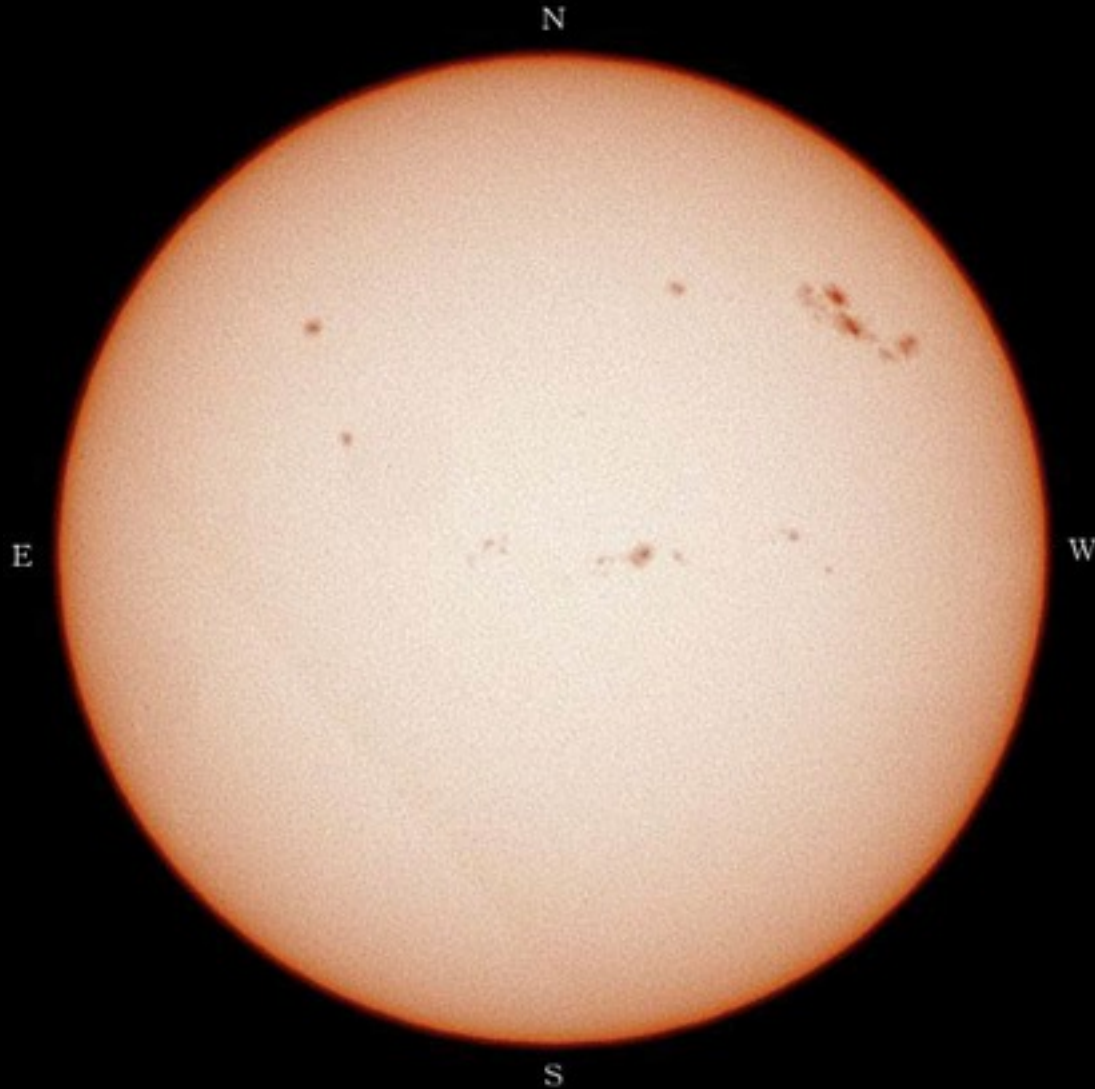
$$|\Delta m^2| = 2.35^{+0.11}_{-0.08} \times 10^{-3} \text{eV}^2$$

(MINOS)

Consistent with maximal mixing!

L/E
Zenith

Discovery of neutrino oscillations: Part II



Observing the Interior of the Sun with

J.N. Bahcall "Solar neutrinos I: Theoretical" P.R.L. 12, 300 (1964)

R. Davis Jr. "Solar neutrinos II: Experimental", P.R.L.12, 303 (1964)



J. N. Bahcall



R. Davis Jr.
(Nobel prize 2002)

← 600ton
 C_2Cl_4

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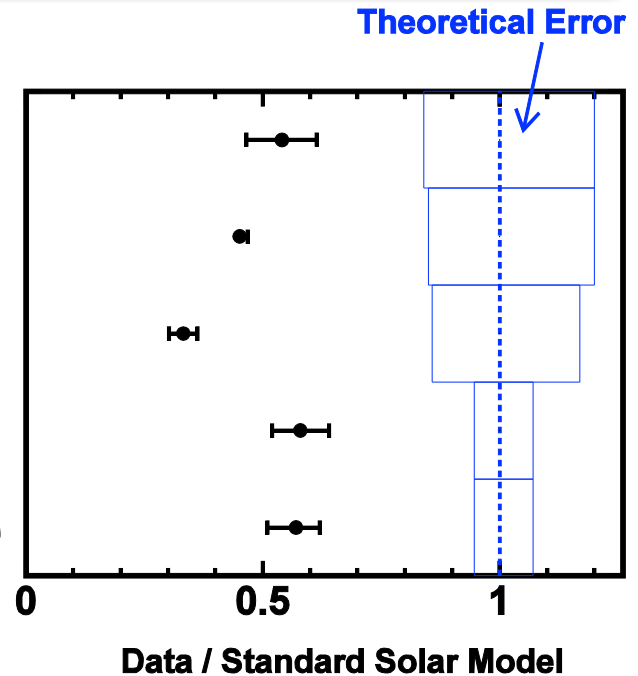
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Problem: We did not know the solar neutrino flux very well. People were afraid that the problem might be solved by finding out that the calculated flux was too high...

Heavy water experiment

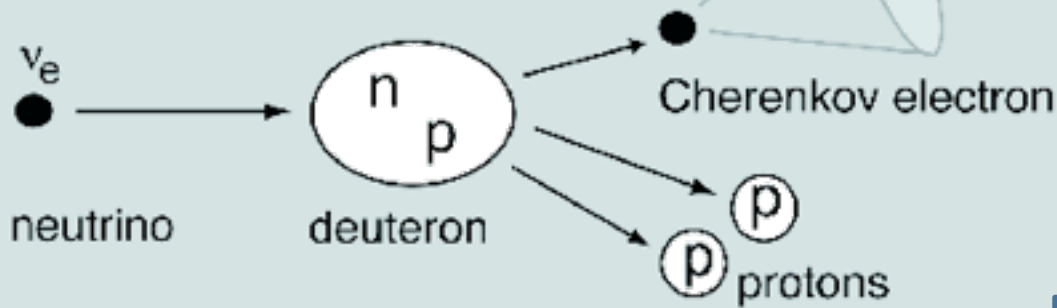
H.Chen PRL 55, 1534 (1985)

“Direct Approach to Resolve the Solar-neutrino Problem”

$$\frac{CC}{NC} = P(\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_e)$$

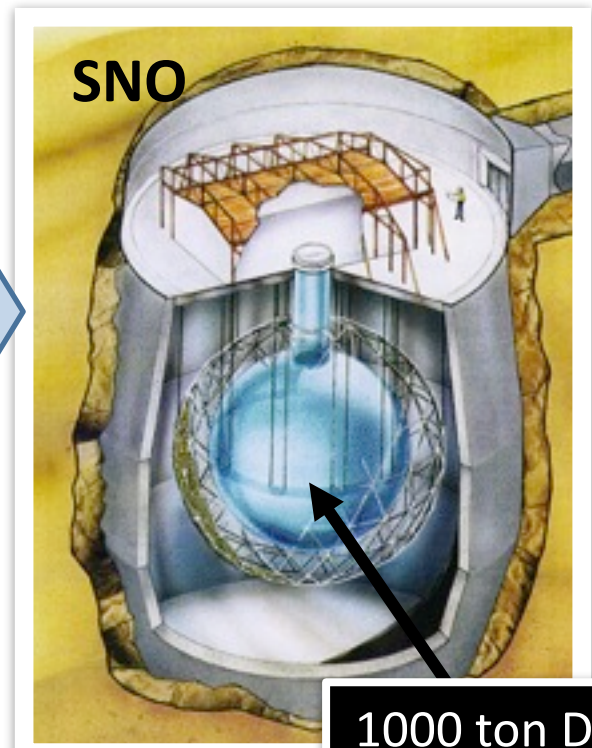
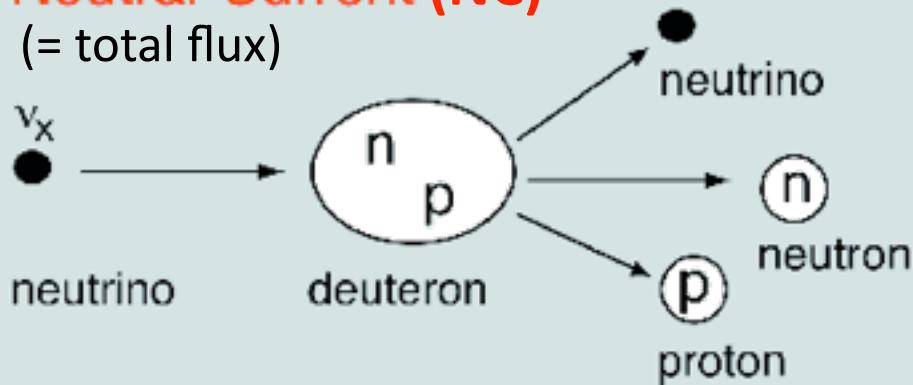
Charged-Current (CC)

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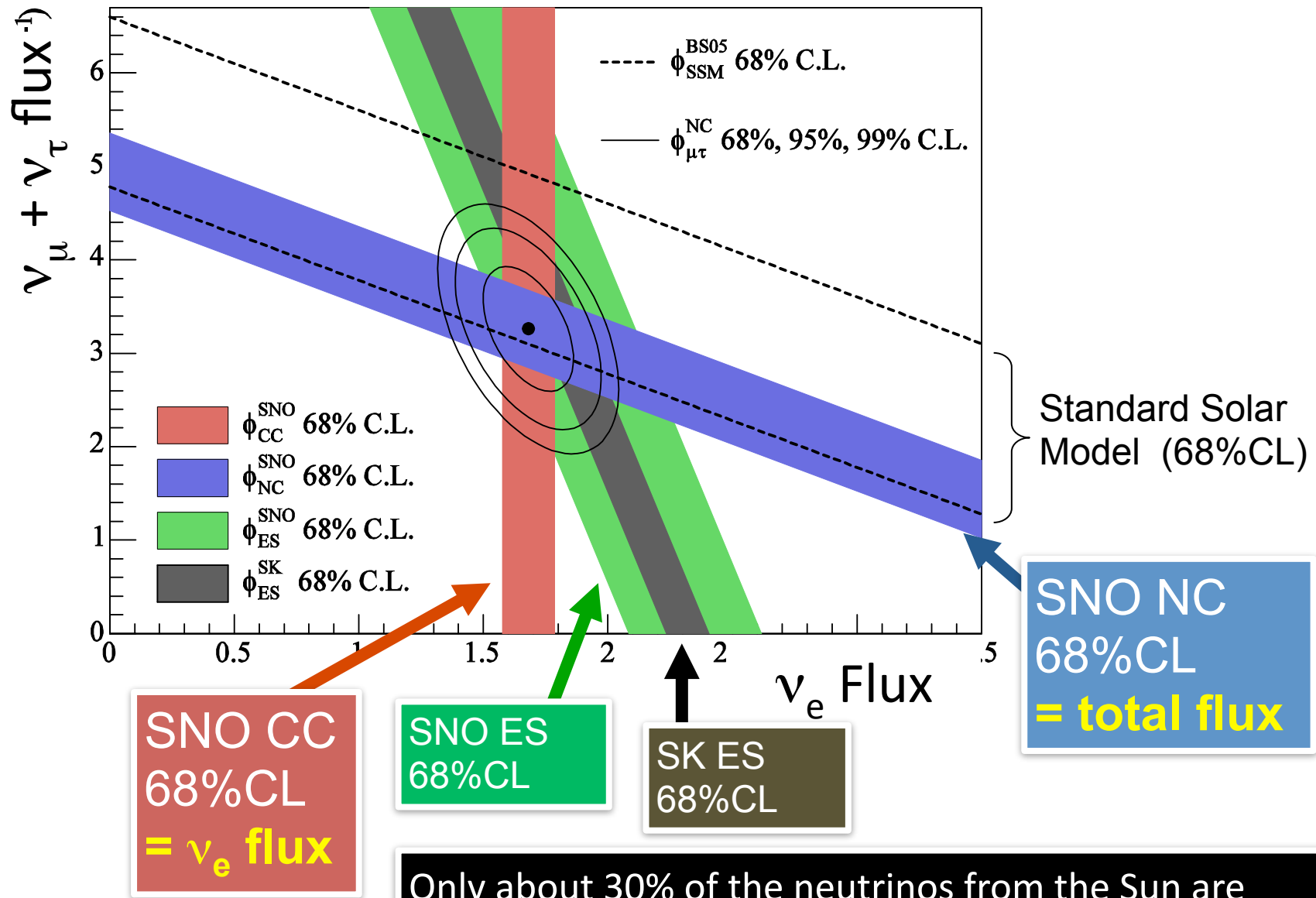
Neutral-Current (NC)

(= total flux)



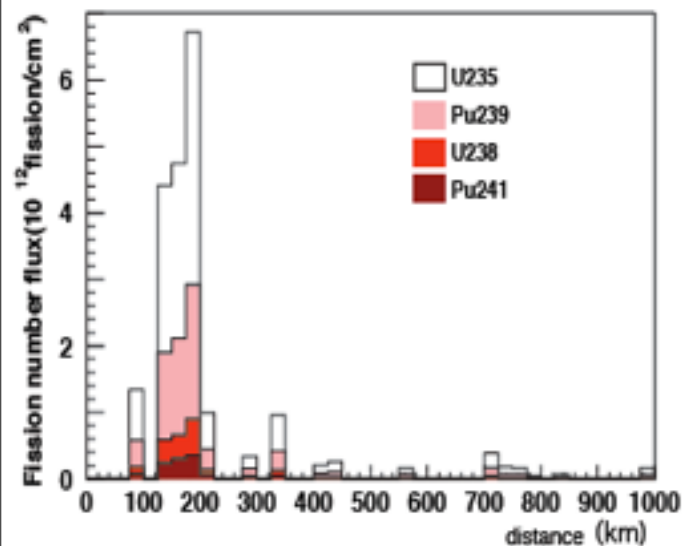
1000 ton D_2O

Solving the solar neutrino problem



Only about 30% of the neutrinos from the Sun are electron-neutrinos! (2001, 2002)

Long baseline reactor exp: KamLAND

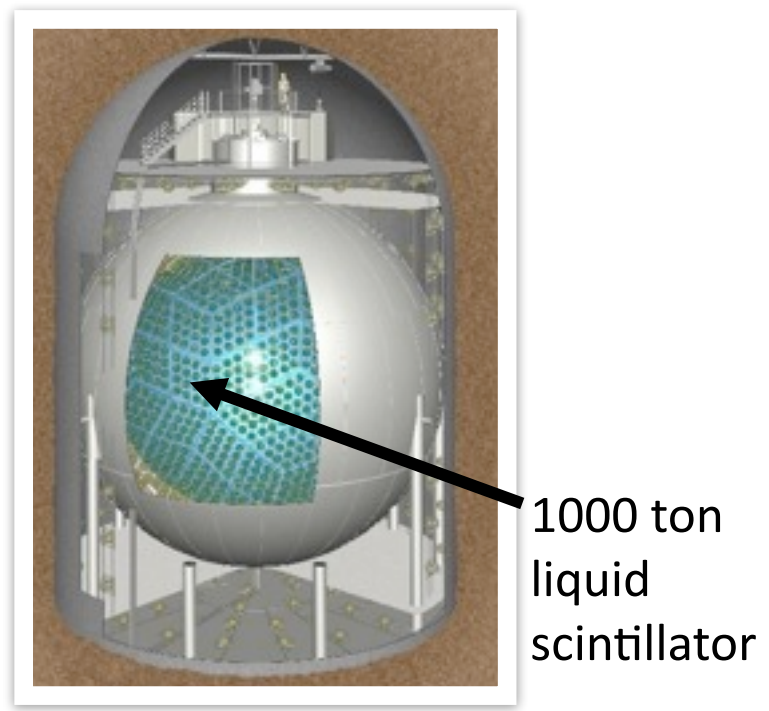


$\langle L_\nu \rangle = 180 \text{ km}$
 $\langle E_\nu \rangle = a \text{ few MeV}$

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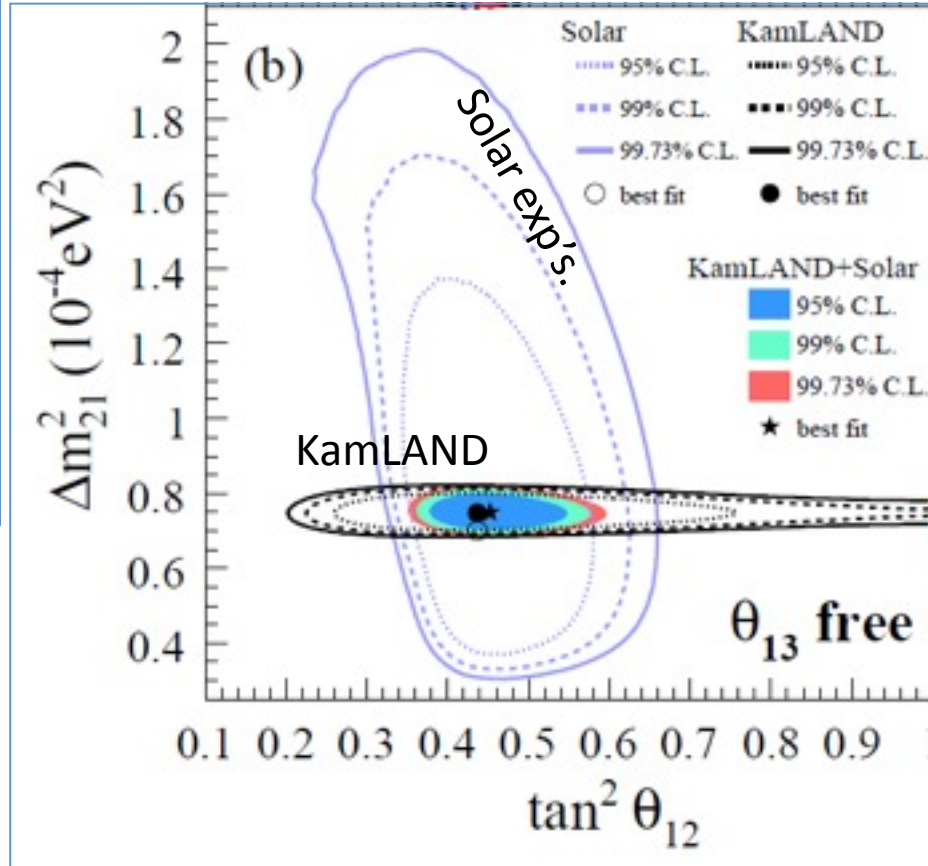
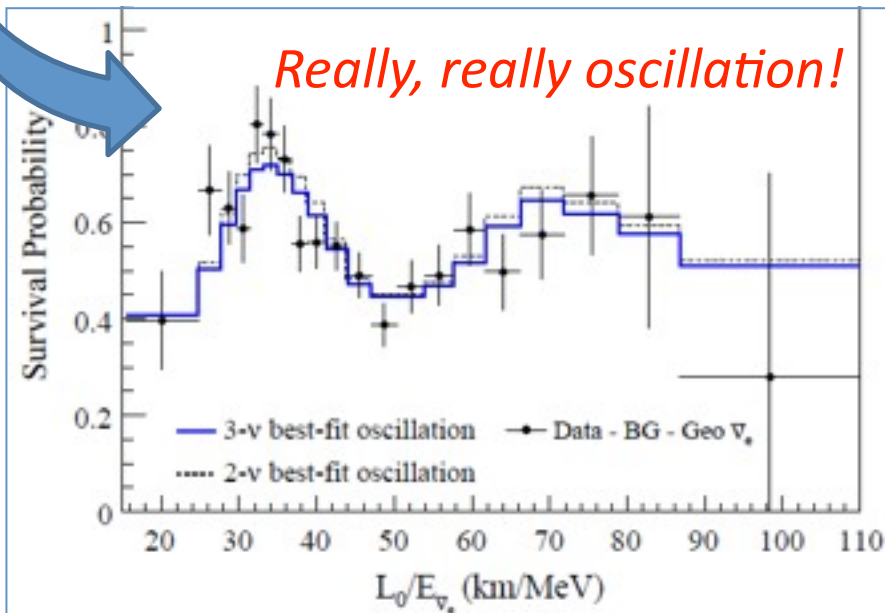
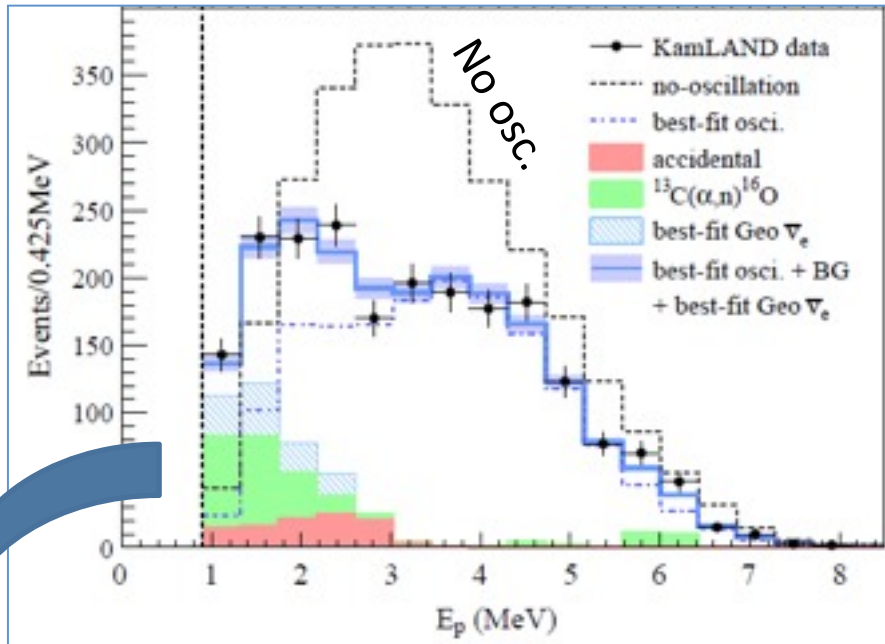
Sensitive to $\Delta m^2 > 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$

KamLAND



KamLAND and neutrino oscillation

KamLAND arXiv: 1009.4771



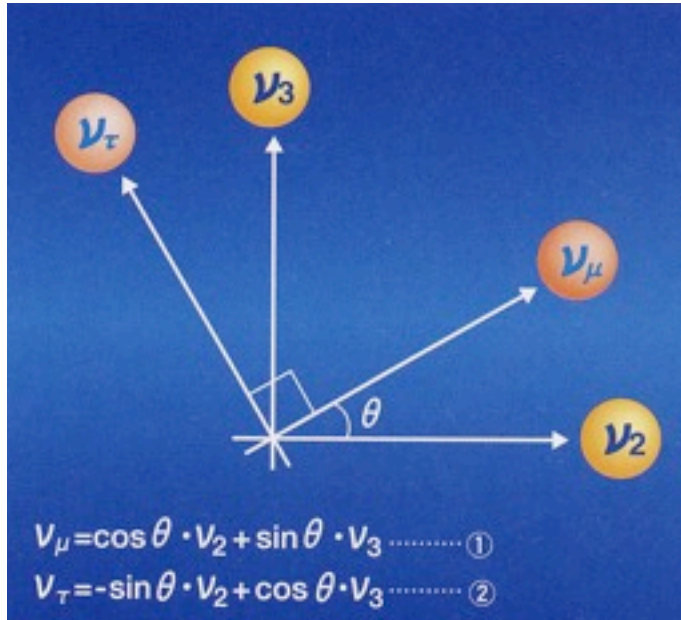
$$\tan^2 \theta_{12} = 0.452_{-0.033}^{+0.035},$$

$$\Delta m_{21}^2 = 7.50_{-0.20}^{+0.19} \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$$

Future prospects

Present and future

Present

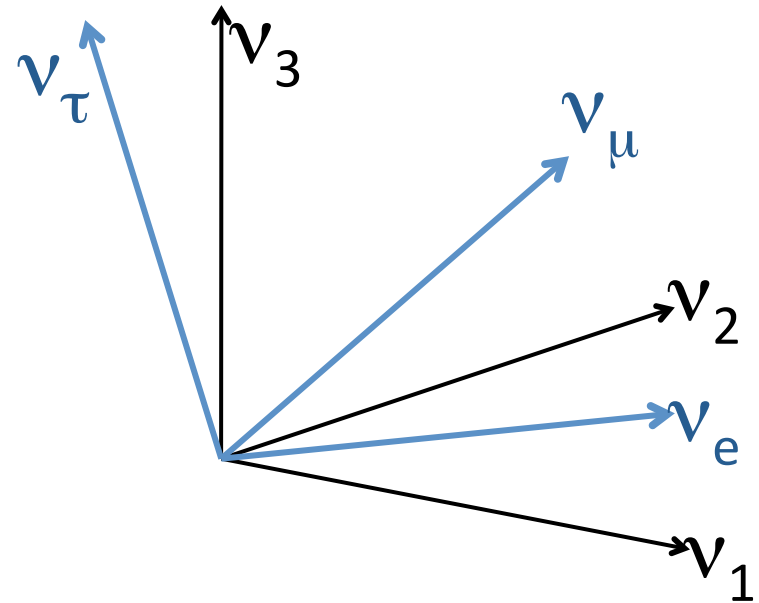


2 flavor neutrino oscillation:

- ◆ $\nu_\mu \Leftrightarrow \nu_\tau$: atmospheric ν
accelerator ν
- ◆ $\nu_e \Leftrightarrow \nu_x$: solar ν

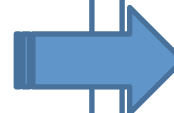
reactor ν

Future



3 flavor neutrino oscillation:

- ◆ measure 3 mixing angles
(2 are known)
- ∅ measure all the parameters relevant to osc.



Matter elementary particles

第一世代 (first)

第二世代 (second)

第三世代 (third)

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電子ニュートリノ
electron neutrino



ミューニュートリノ
muon neutrino



タウニュートリノ
tau neutrino



電子
electron



ミューオン
muon



タウ
tau

クォーク
QUARK



ダウン
down



ストレンジ
strange



ボトム
bottom



アップ
up



チャーム
charm



トップ
top

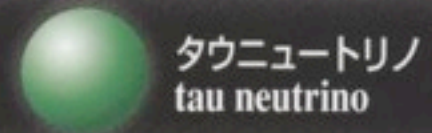
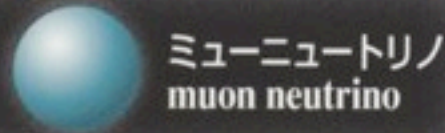
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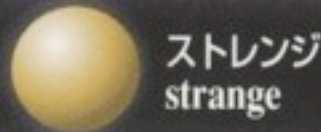
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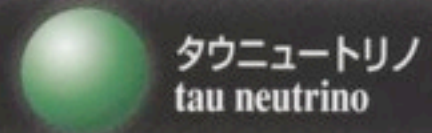
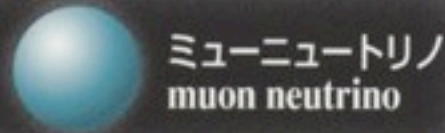
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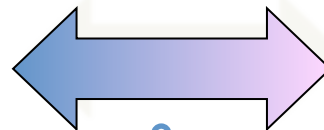
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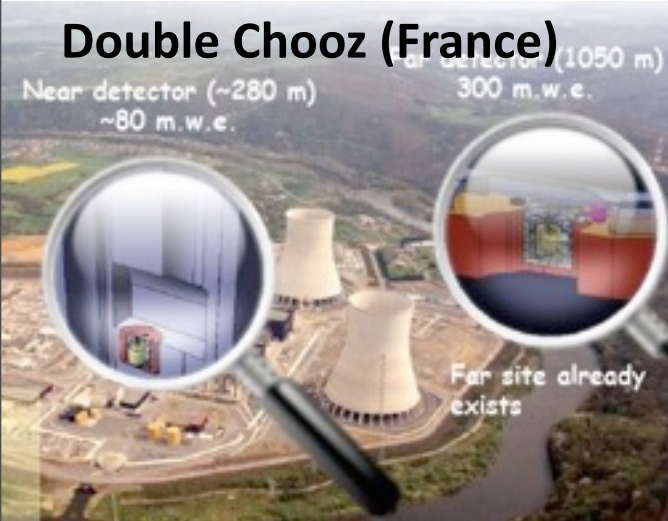
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How small is θ_{13} ?

θ_{13} experiments

Reactor experiments

Double Chooz (France)



Daya Bay (China)

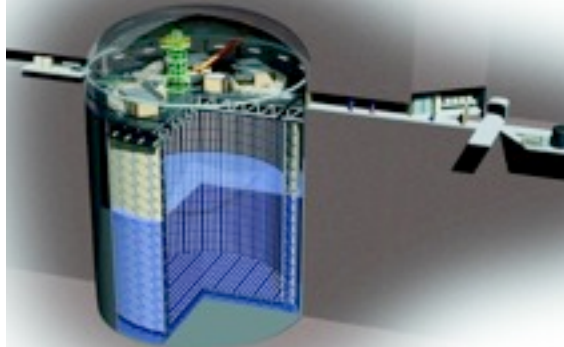


RENO (Korea)



Atmospheric neutrino exp.

Super-K

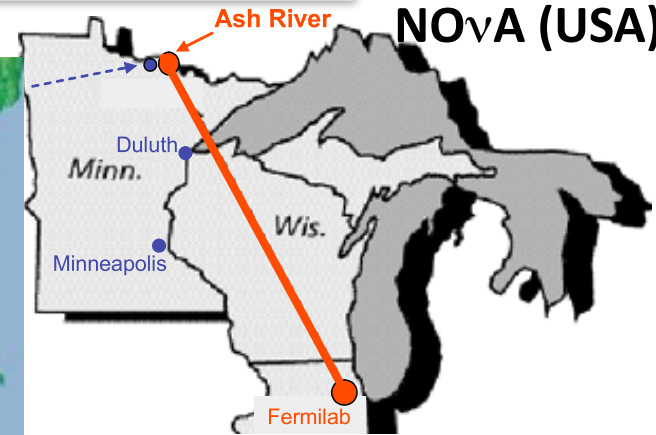


Long baseline experiments

T2K (Japan)



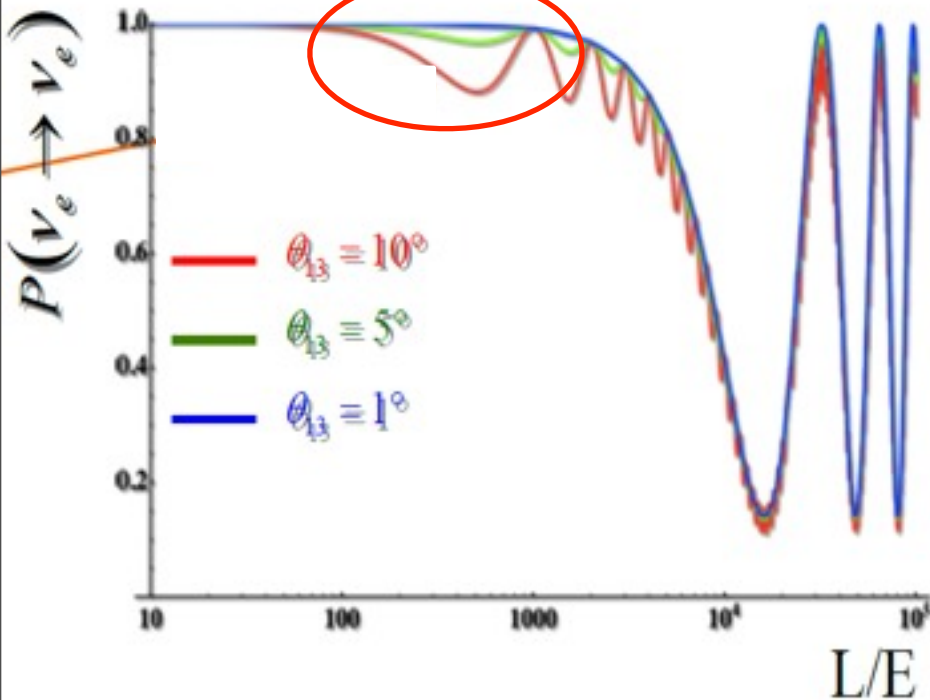
NOvA (USA)



Expected non-zero θ_{13} signals

Reactor experiments

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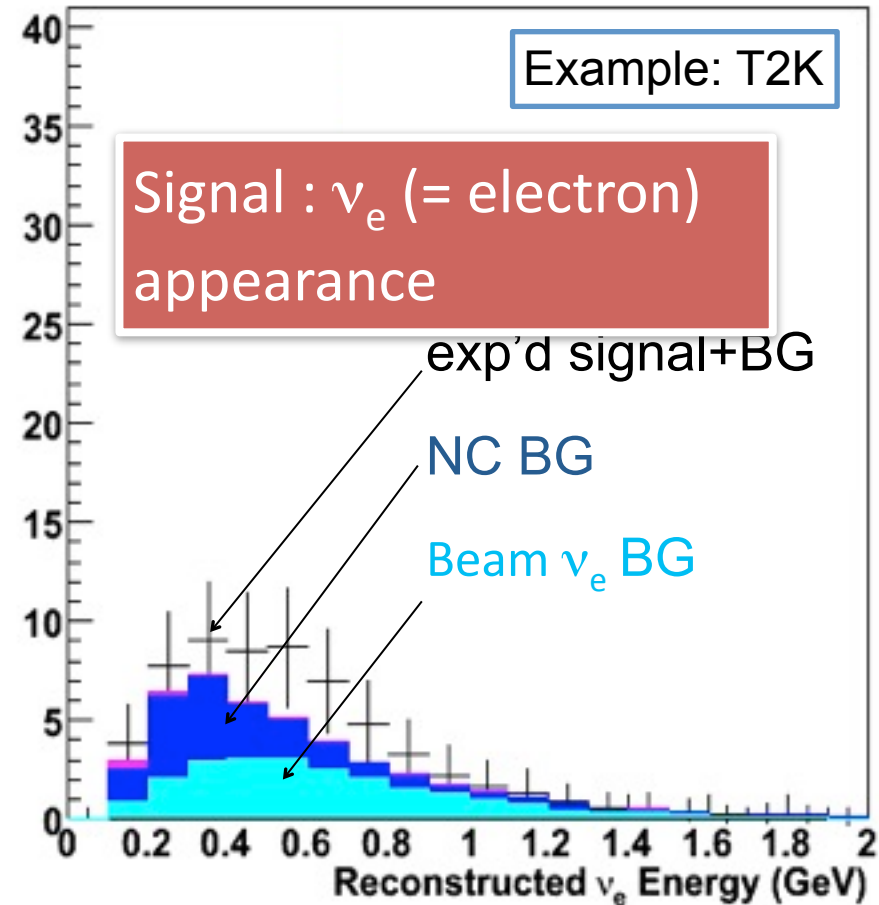
Assume: $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.01$

(about 1/15 of the present limit)

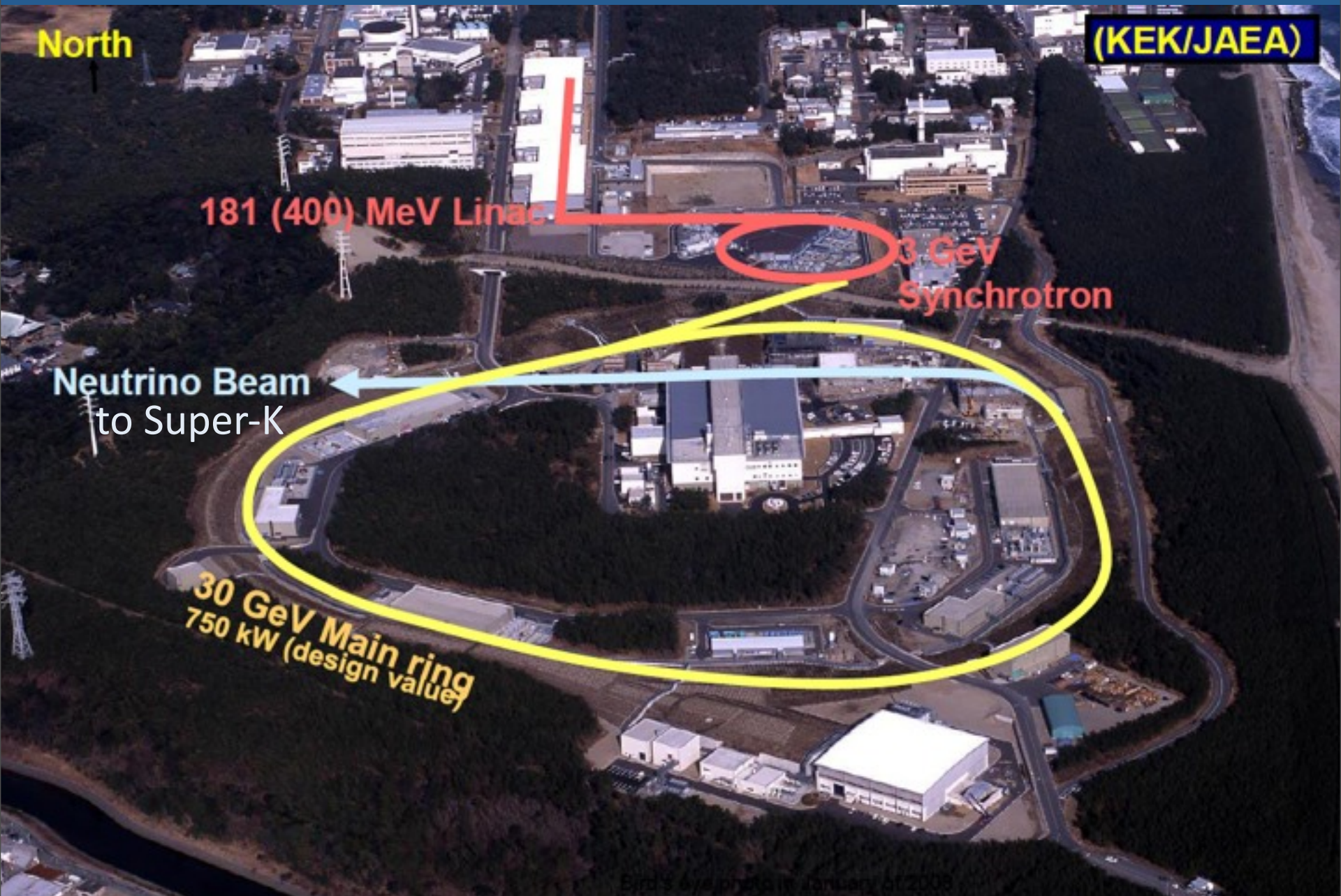
Example: T2K

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Number of events



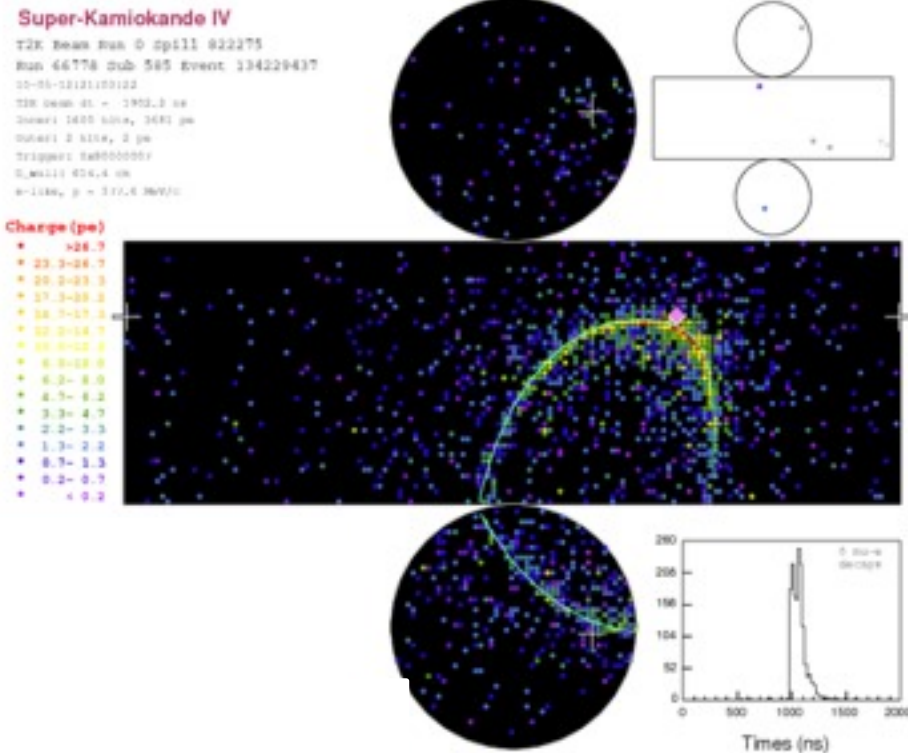
J-PARC and the T2K beam line



Initial T2K results on electron appearance

Data until the 2010 summer shutdown were analyzed. (3.23×10^{19} POT)

1 electron candidate



Expected background

| | | |
|-----------------|------------------------|--------|
| ν_μ | 0.13 | NC 95% |
| anti- ν_μ | 0.01 | |
| ν_e | 0.16 | |
| Total | 0.30 ± 0.07 (syst) | |

Signal + background ($\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.1$)

| | | |
|-------|------------------------|--|
| Total | 1.20 ± 0.22 (syst) | |
|-------|------------------------|--|

A. Feldman-Cousins

B. Classical one-sided limit

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|---|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
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at $(\Delta m_{23}^2, \sin^2 2\theta_{23}, \delta_{cp}) = (2.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{eV}^2, 1.0, 0.0)$

Nakadaira KEK seminar
Okumura ICRR seminar

Earthquake on March 11

- Super-K and KamLAND were OK.
- People in Tohoku University were OK.
- J-PARC was damaged.



Near LINAC bulding



Road Near 3GeV PS

- “Master Plan for J-PARC Recovery” will be released in



Monday, June 20, 2011

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→ This idea should be tested.

- ◆ Are neutrino and anti-neutrino oscillations different?
- (◆ Is neutrino its own anti-particle?)

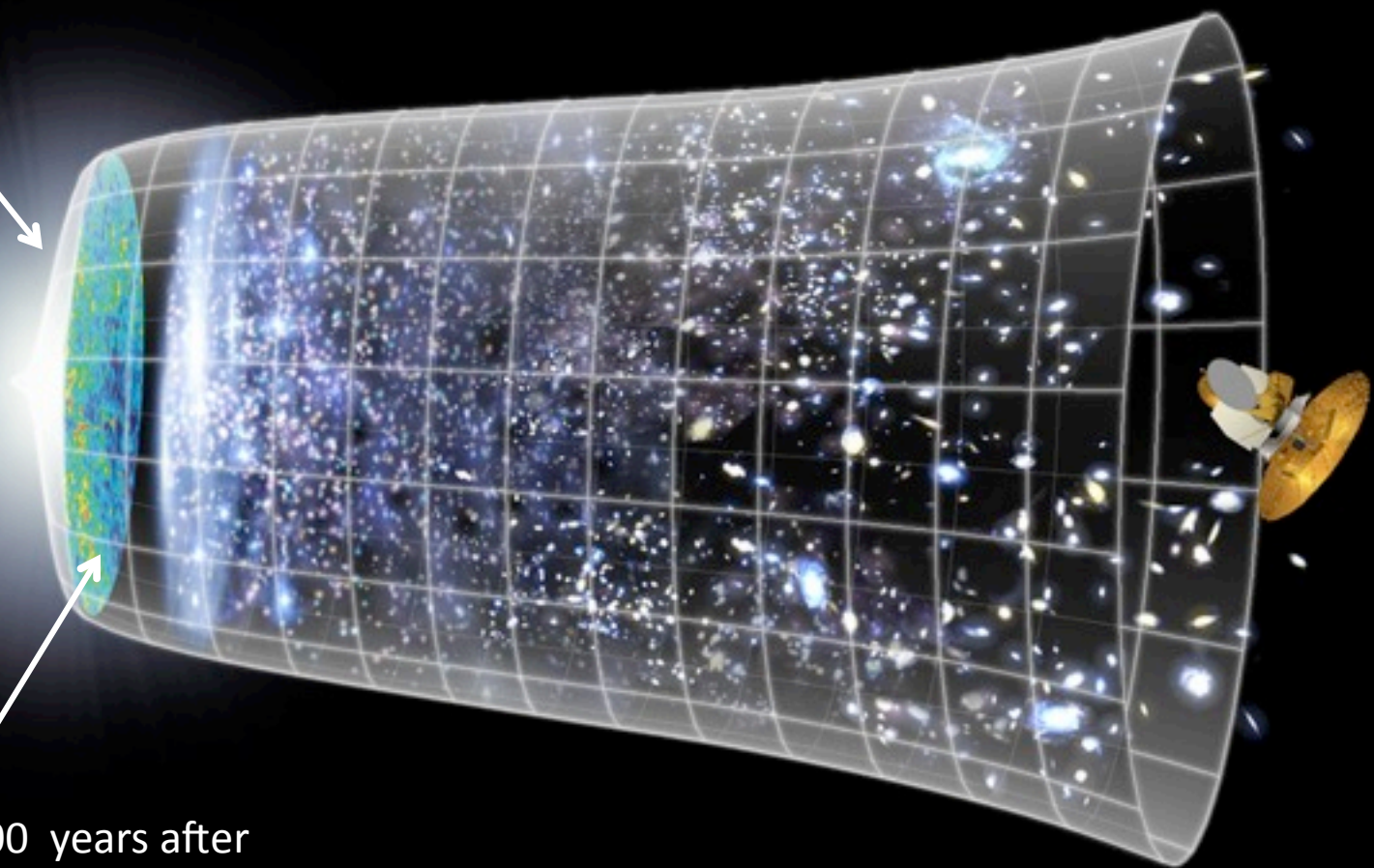
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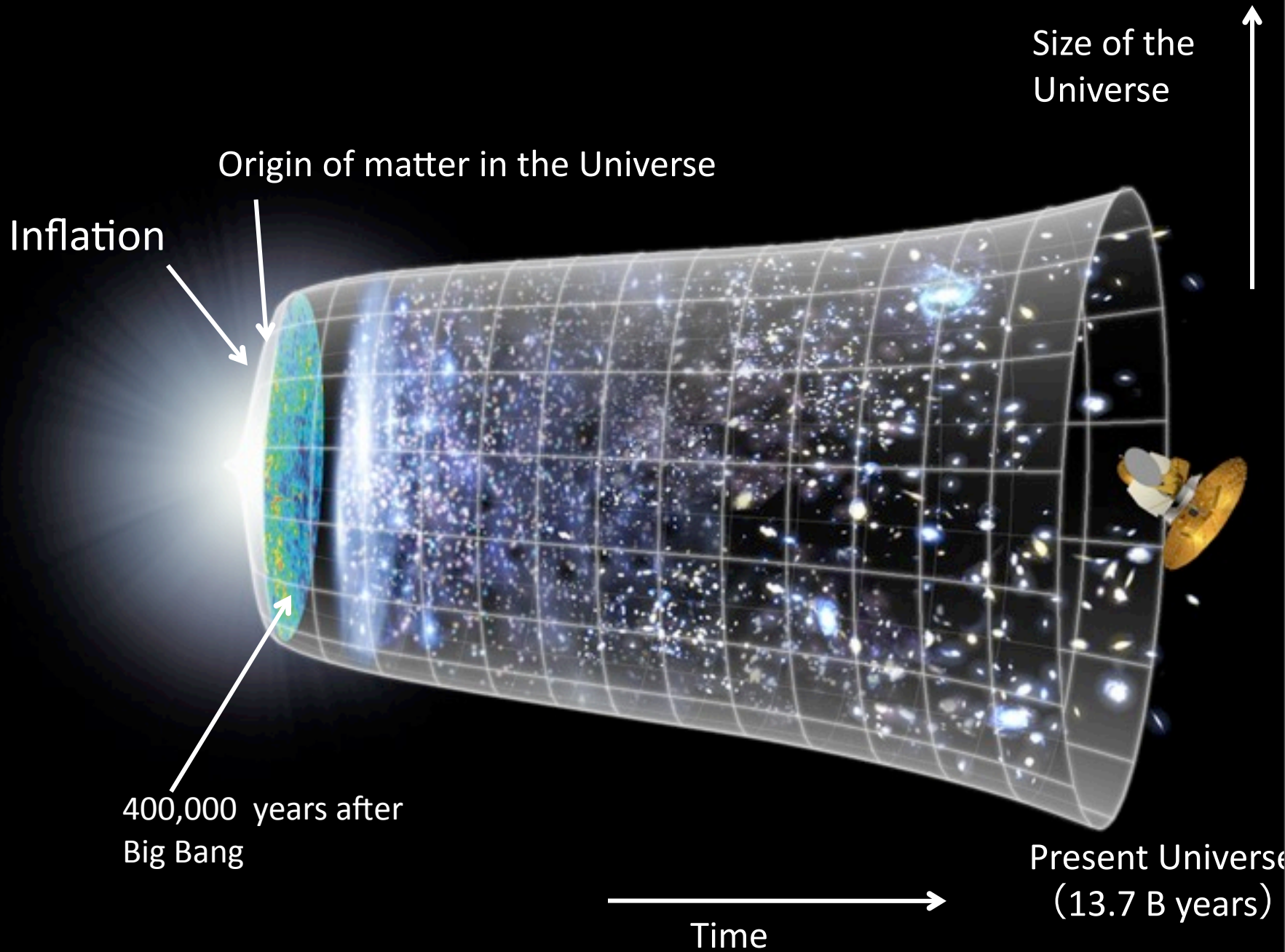
Size of the
Universe

400,000 years after
Big Bang

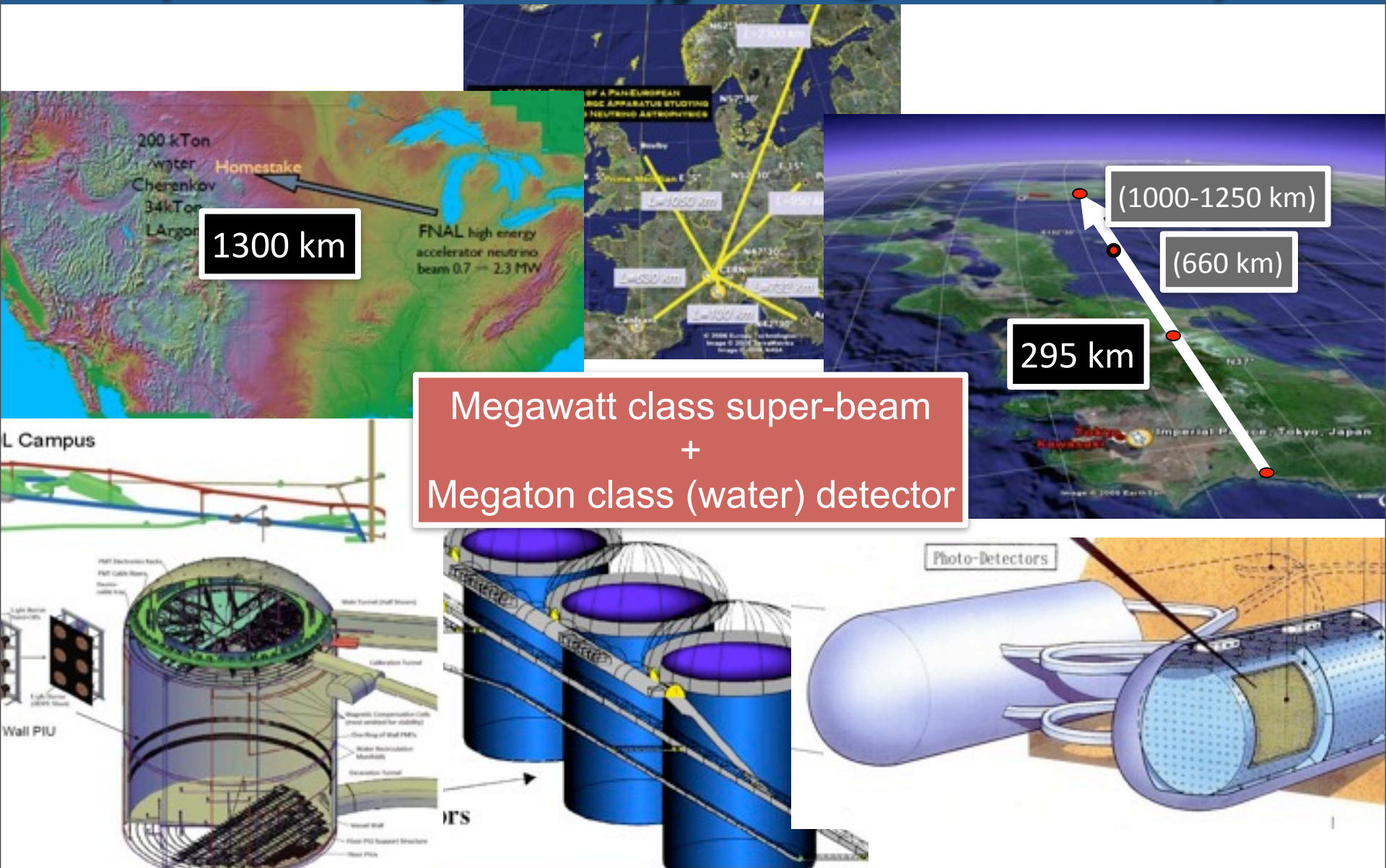
Time

Present Universe
(13.7 B years)





Future LBL possibilities (assuming $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$ is larger than 0.01)



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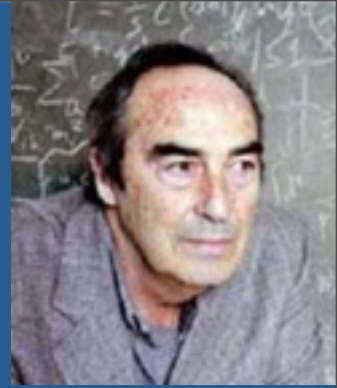
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It is likely that future neutrino experiments will continue to be as exciting as those in the past!

backups

Paco Yndurain Colloquium
May 4, 2011



Studying massive neutrinos

Takaaki Kajita

ICRR and IPMU, Univ. of Tokyo

Discovery of cosmic rays



- ◆ In the early 20th century, it was known that there existed natural radiation on the surface. It was assumed that they came from the earth.
 - ◆ Victor Hess carried out a balloon experiment in order to test this assumption. (The radiation should decrease in high altitudes.)
 - ◆ He observed that the radiation gets stronger in higher altitudes (of about 5km).
- Discovery of cosmic rays
(Nobel prize 1936)

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- We knew that there are some cosmic accelerators that accelerate cosmic ray particles up to 10^{20} eV in the extreme case. (This is a very interesting scientific field. However, due to the limited time, I skip any details of the current cosmic ray studies.)

Observation of atmospheric neutrinos

At the depth of 3200 meters (8800 meters water equivalent) in South Africa

First observed on Feb. 23, 1965

By F.Reines et al.

At the depth of 2400 meters (7500 meters water equivalent) in India (Kolar Gold Field)

First published on Aug. 15, 1965

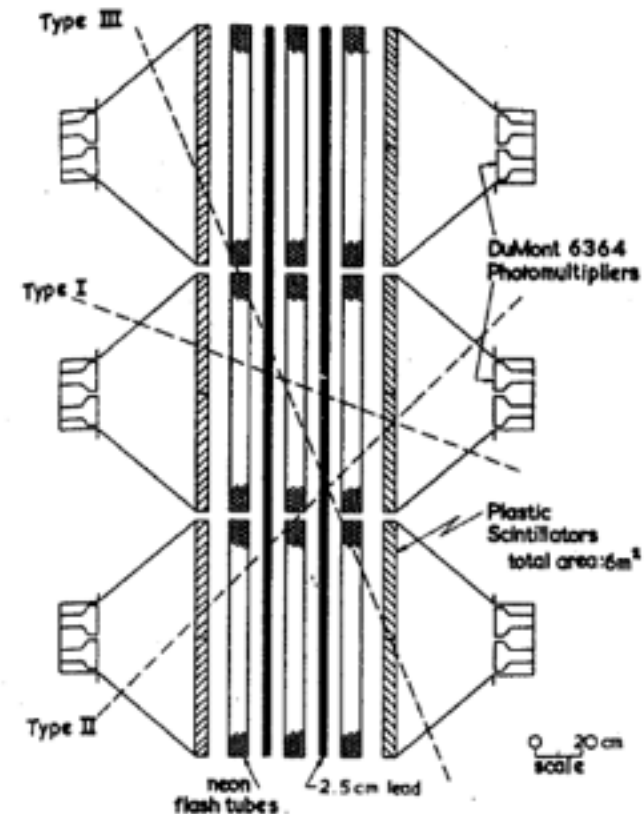
By C.V. Achar et al.



photo of the South Africa experiment

$$(\nu_{\mu} N \rightarrow \mu X)$$

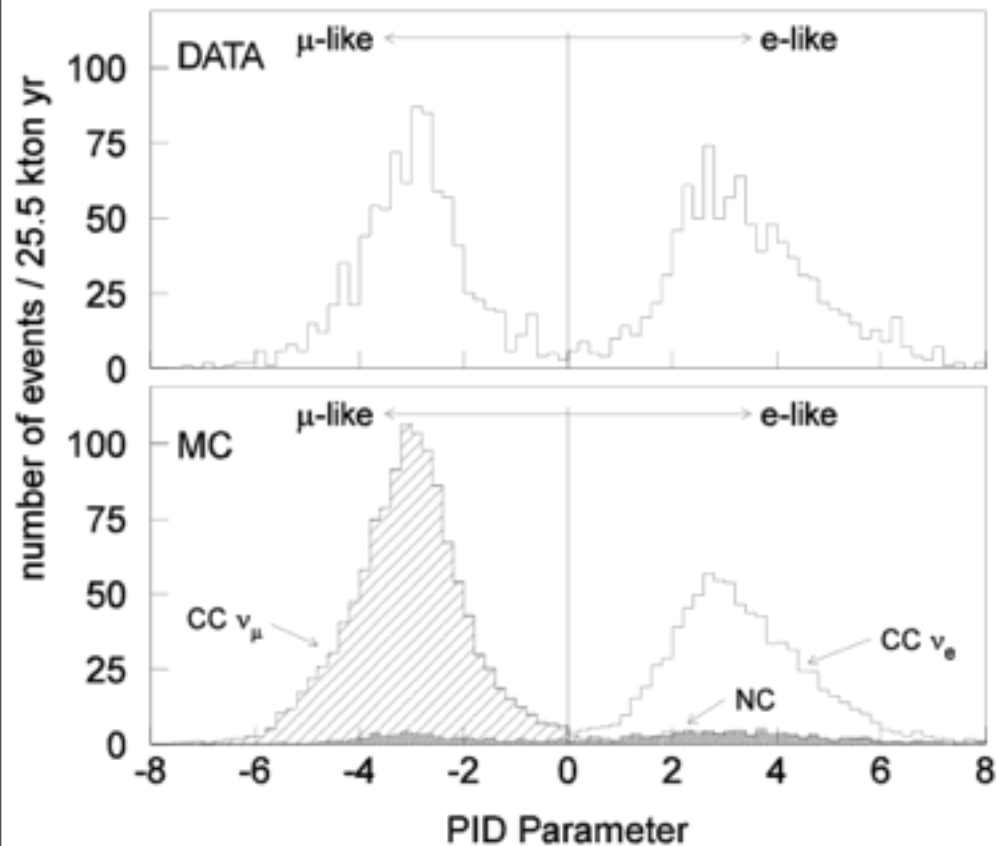
Detector for the KGF experiment



Identifying electrons and muons

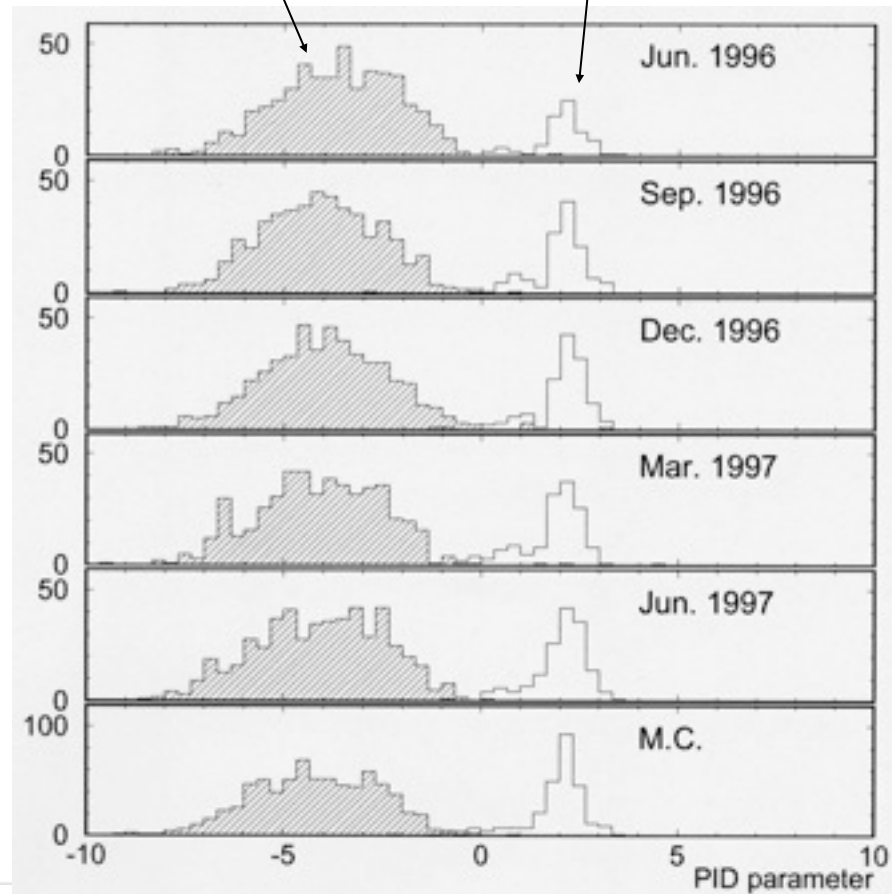
(figures from Super-K)

Atmospheric neutrino data &
Monte Carlo simulation



Cosmic ray μ

e from μ decay



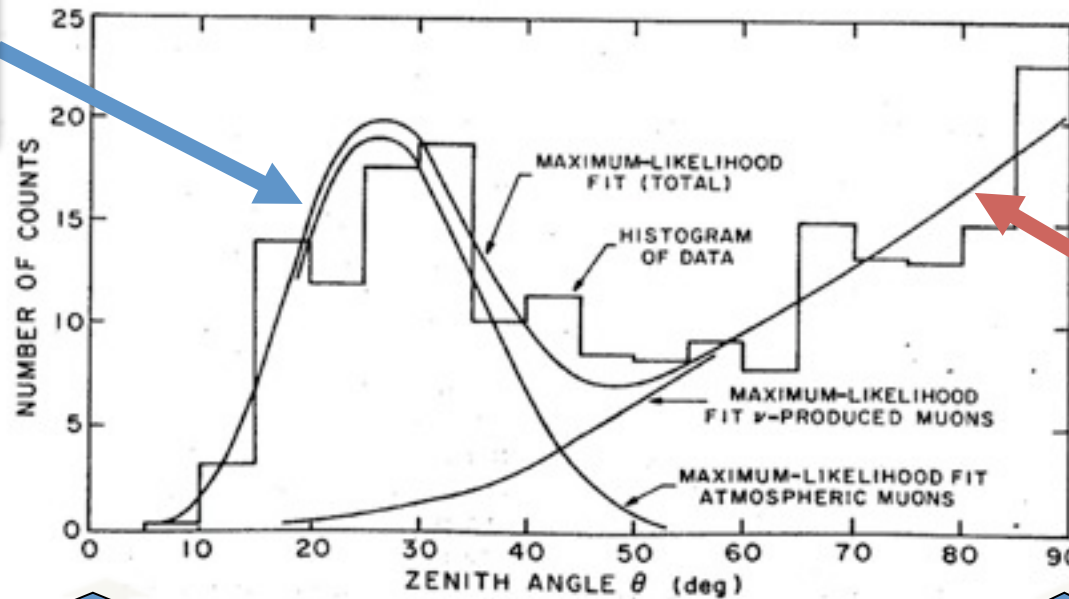
$\epsilon=99\%$ @Super-K (98% @Kamiokande)

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(South Africa experiment, 1978)

PRD18, 2239 (1978)

Cosmic ray muons



Neutrino induced muons

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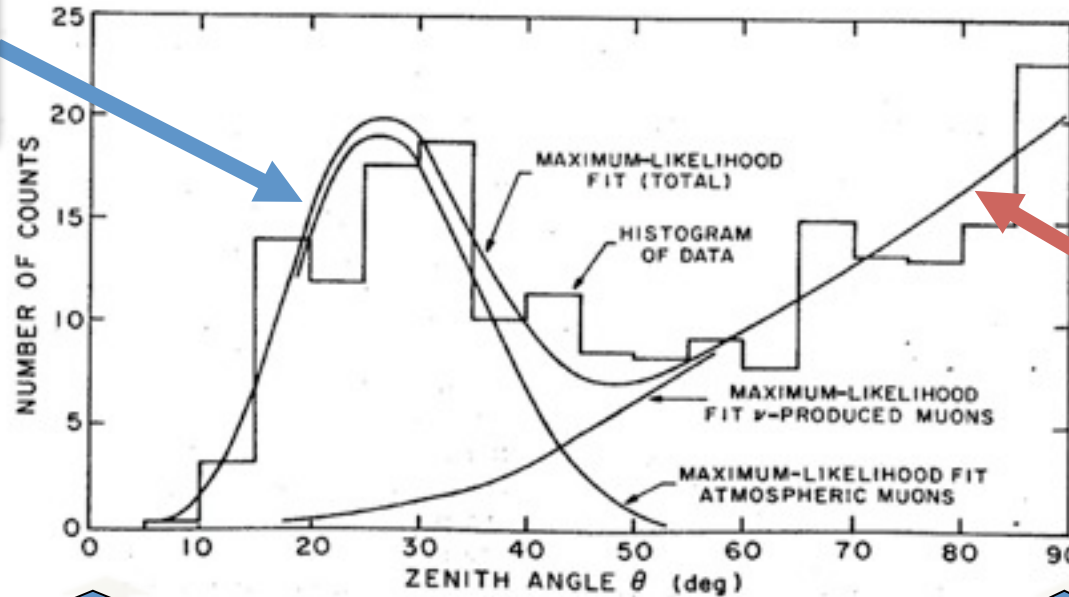
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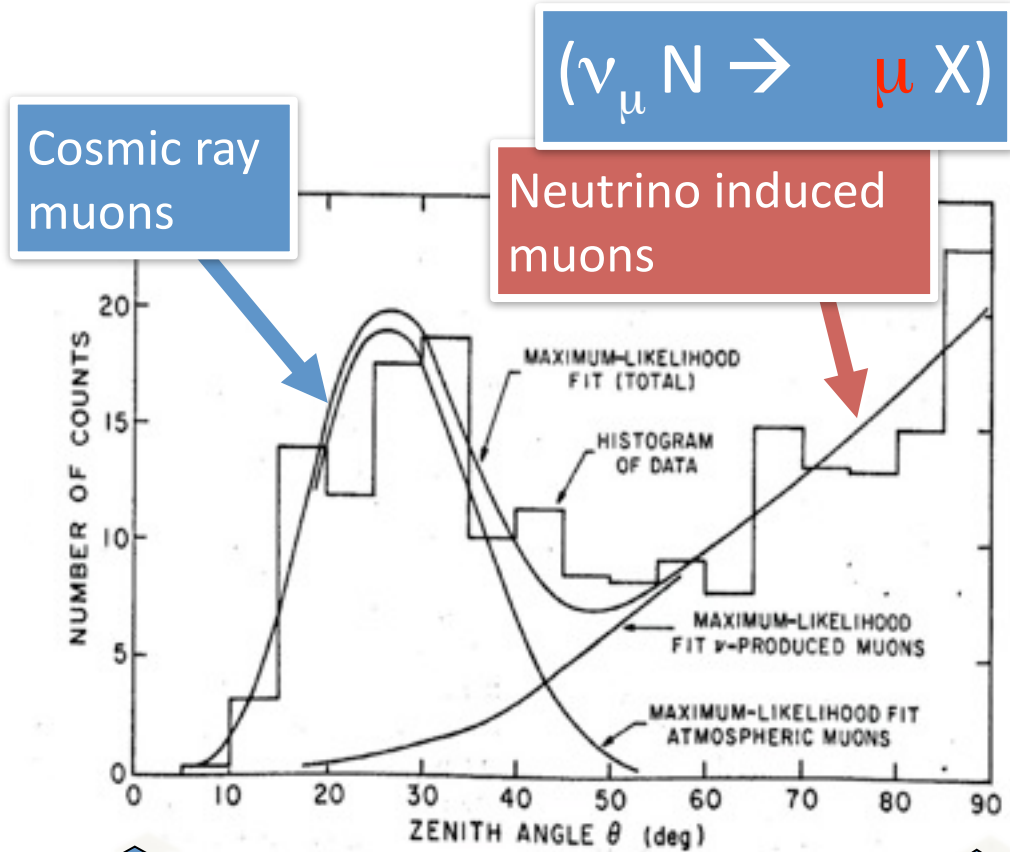
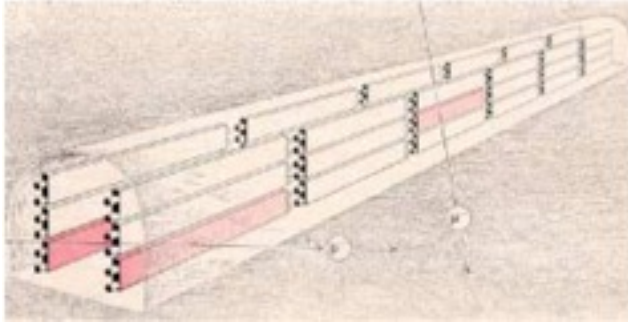
Deficit of muons

“We conclude that there is fair agreement between the total observed and expected neutrino induced muon flux ...”

Zenith angle distribution

(updated data from the original South Africa experiment)

PRD18, 2239 (1978)

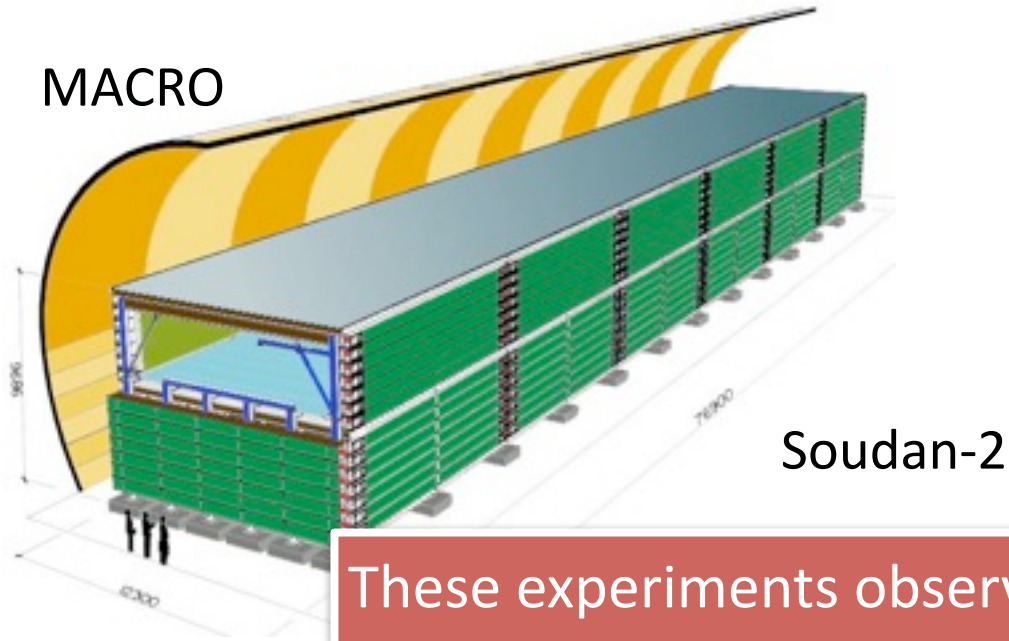


Vertical (going up or down)

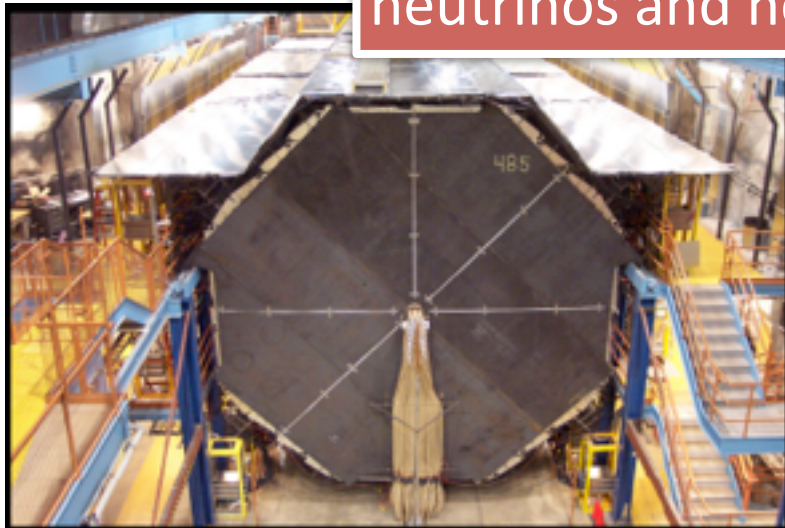
Horizontal going

Results from the other atmospheric neutrino

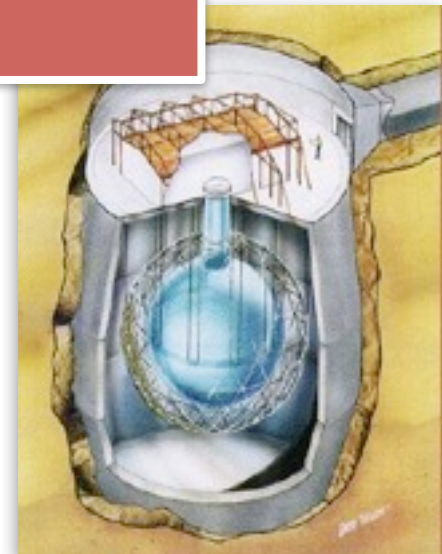
MACRO



These experiments observed atmospheric neutrinos and neutrino oscillations

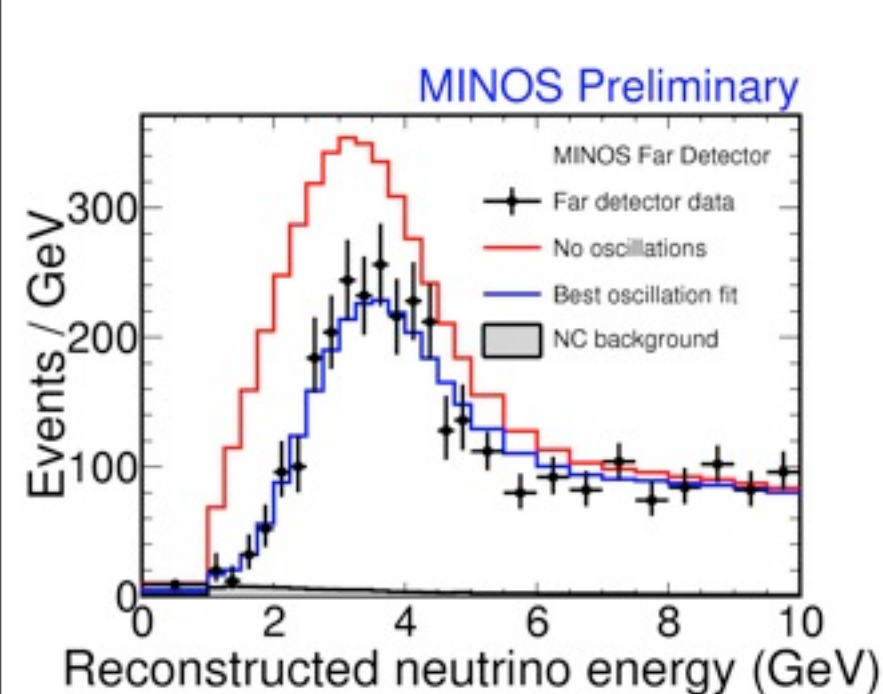


← MINOS / SNO →
(Atmospheric
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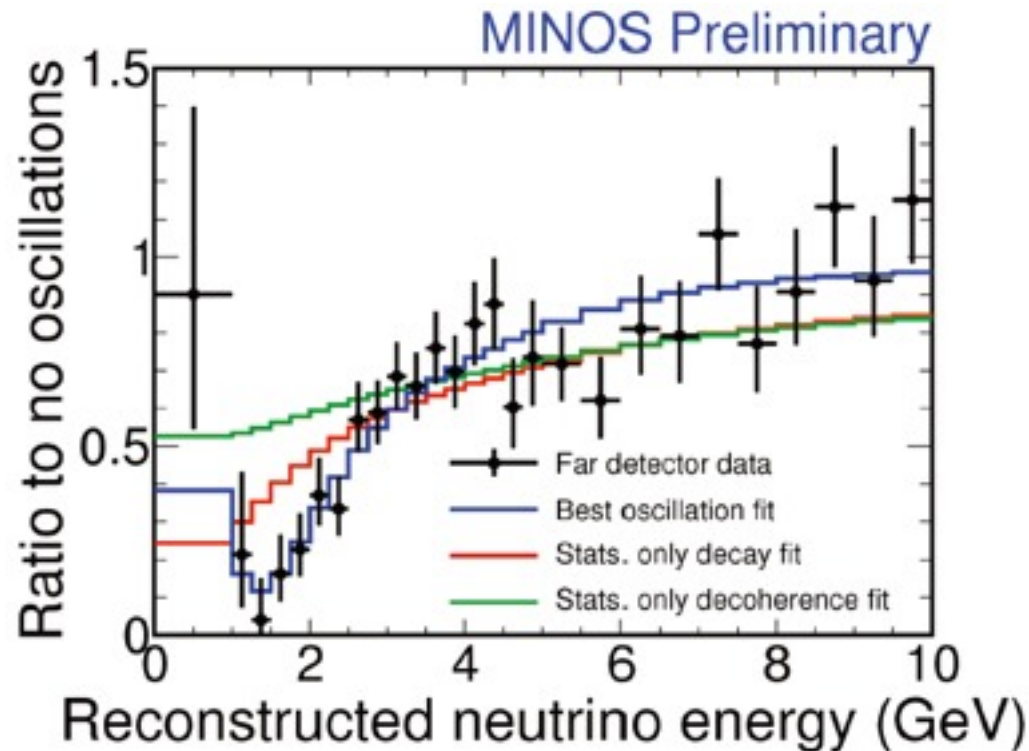


MINOS $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau$ result

7.2×10^{20} POT (about factor 2 improved statistics compared with the 2008 results)



No oscillation: 2451
Observation: 1986



Oscillation gives very good fit
(Decay model disfavored $> 6\sigma$)
(Decoherence model disfavored $> 8\sigma$)

T2K setup (@J-PARC)



295 km to
Super Kamiokande



Horn
(test)

Pit

280m



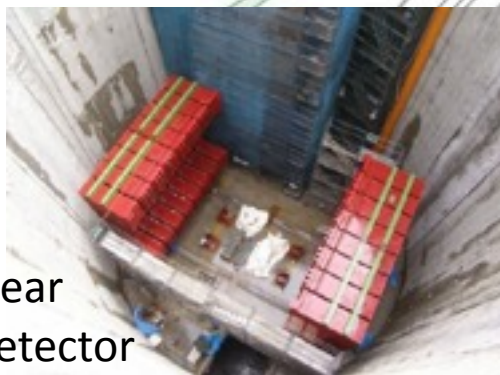
Target station



Preparation Section

2km detector
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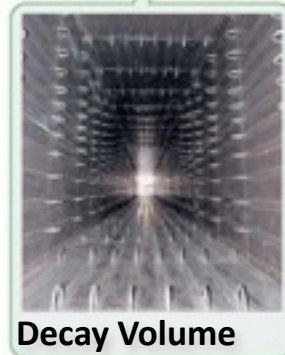
110m



Near
detector



Beam Dump



Decay Volume



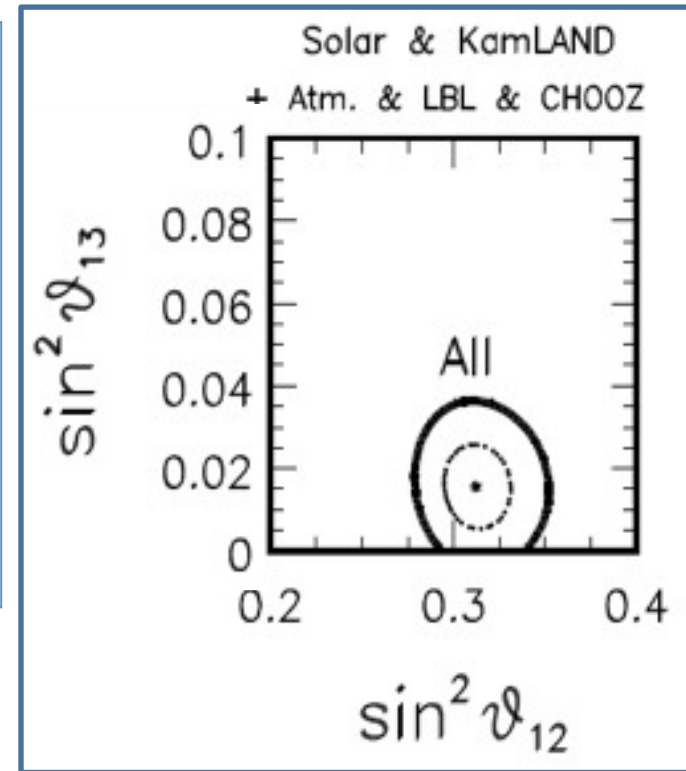
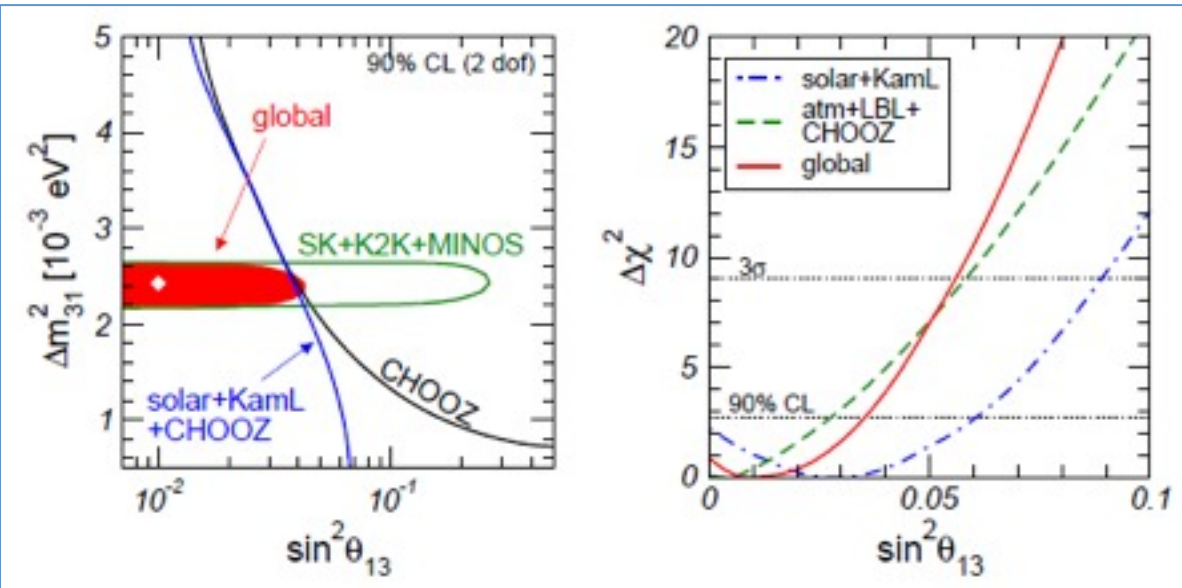
SCFM at Arc Section

T2K experiment started in 2009 (physics run in 2010).

2008 θ_{13} global fit

arXiv:0808.2016

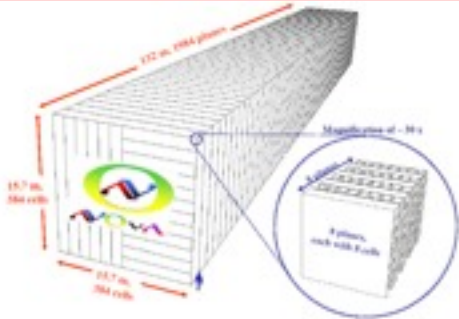
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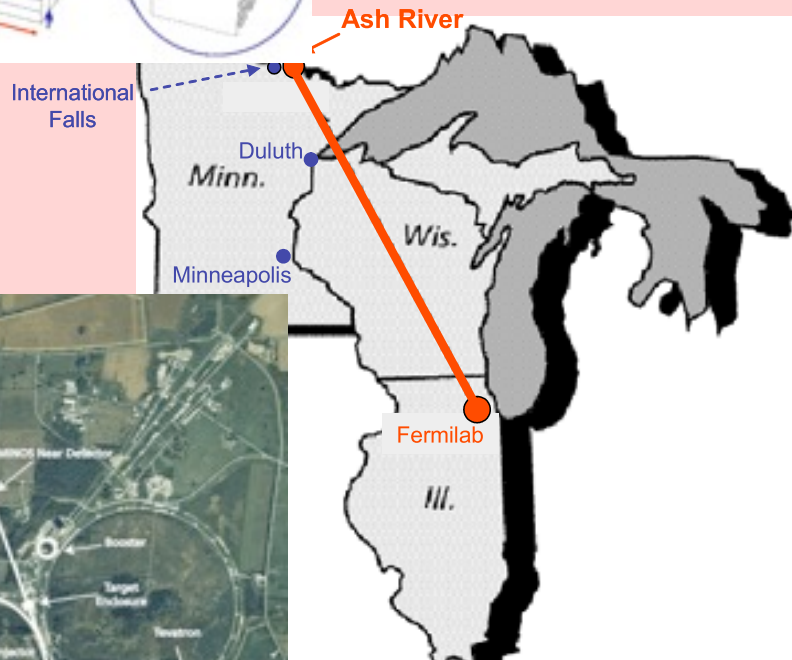
- ◆ SNO and KamLAND slight tension.
 - ◆ CHOOZ: dominant contribution.
- ➔ Still not clear....

Much higher sensitivity experiments required.

LBL θ_{13} experiments



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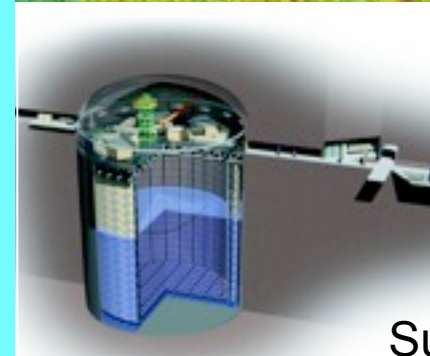
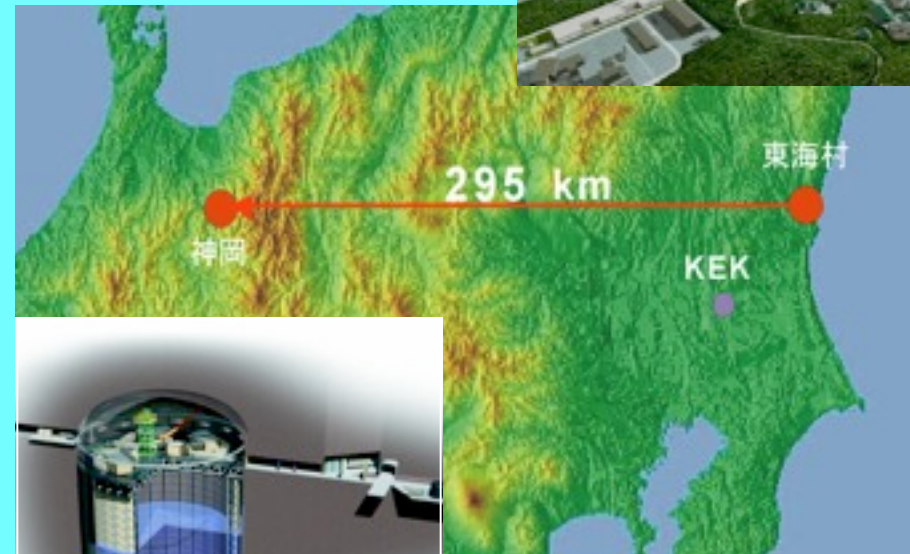


Will start in \sim 2013

• Similar sensitivity

T2K

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Super-Kamiokande

Started in 2009 (2010)